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2ND DAY OF EARLY VOTING

Big turnout seen

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A large number of voters turned up yesterday during the second day of the seven-day early voting period on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

» 623 cast their votes on Saipan, Tinian, Rota

According to Commonwealth Election Commission administrative officer Kayla Igitol, 623 cast their votes on the three islands yesterday.

At the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, 467 Saipan and Northern Islands voters cast their votes. A total of 11 voters from Tinian went to the polling place,

while 24 from Rota voted, for a total of 502 voters, Igitol said.

At the Department of Public Safety on Tinian, 43 cast their votes, while 78 voted at DPS on Rota, Igitol said.

CEC executive director Julita A. Villagomez said yesterday's number of voters is a big turnout, comparable to the first day of early voting during a gubernatorial election.

Police captain Lawrence Camacho said

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Igisomar wants CPA as lead agency for new airlines

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Igisomar

Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar (R-Saipan) has introduced a bill that would make the Commonwealth Ports Authority the lead agency when dealing with potential investors that want to offer flights to Saipan.

Senate Bill 19-79 aims to amend 2 CMC 2122 to authorize CPA to develop and expand air service

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NMI marks All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day

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Thousands of Commonwealth residents took an unofficial two-day holiday at the start of November and made time to visit their departed loved ones in cemeteries, clean their grave sites, and offer a flower or candle as part of the annual tradition.

All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day follow right after Halloween, drawing hordes of people to cemeteries across these predominantly Catholic islands on a day intended to honor

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Two relatives sit together and reminisce about their departed family member at the Tanapag cemetery yesterday afternoon. The entire Commonwealth trooped to cemeteries yesterday and on Nov. 1 as part of the annual observance of All Souls' Day and All Saints' Day.

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‘We have programs to help drug dependents’

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres reminded drug dependents to avail of programs that could rid them of their illegal substance use. Crystal meth, popularly known as “ice,” has become one of the major problems in the community. In fact, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. earlier reported several incidents of pregnant women using the illicit drug.

Crystal meth is the most common choice of some pregnant women who use illicit drugs, followed by marijuana while cigarettes and alcohol are the non-illicit drugs, according to the report.

CHCC State Systems Development Initiative project coordinator Shawnalei Ogomoro, in last month’s CNMI Drug Court Stakeholder Presentation, said there have been five mothers who self-reported their drug use during their pregnancy in 2016 compared to one and two each in 2014 and 2015.

The data was based on self-reporting by the mothers of their substance abuse during their pregnancy upon labor and delivery at the Commonwealth Health Center. There could have been more cases involving mothers who decided not to inform doctors and nurses of their drug use.

Premature delivery, placental abruption, intrauterine growth restriction, lethargy, heart and brain abnormalities, and neurobehavioral problems or worse, death, are some of the effects “ice” use will have



Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. State Systems Development Initiative project coordinator Shawnalei Ogomoro, right, notes an increase in the number of babies born to mothers who had used an illicit and/or non-illicit drug during their pregnancy, at the first CNMI Drug Court Stakeholders Presentation at Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan’s Hibiscus Hall last month. Next to Ogomoro is CHC chief OB/GYN Dr. Jeanolivia Grant who joined her in discussing the topic of “drug use and babies and prenatal methamphetamine exposure.”

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on an unborn child.

An infant, if it survives during birth, could then be admitted to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit where the cost is \$1,000 a day or \$14,000 to \$28,000 for a one or two-week stay.

Torres told *Saipan Tribune* it is unfortunate to learn that this could happen to the baby if a mother is an “ice” user. “It is really unfortunate that some babies had to go through [this]. I wish that none of our children went through with it. Whether the mothers are substance abusers or not, this is the more reason for us as a community to fight against the epidemic of meth use. We should give treatment to those people who are substance abusers, especially pregnant women who use meth during

their pregnancy.”

Torres is a father of five with his wife, Diann.

He said there are agencies that support the rehabilitation of drug users like the Community Guidance Center or the nonprofit group Marianas Behavioral Health International Inc. CGC usually presents facts on the various types of illegal substances and their consequences.

“I advice and encourage everyone, especially those who are pregnant, to please stop and seek help. Come to the CGC or seek private counseling and have yourself cleaned up for the sake of the baby and the future generation,” said Torres.

He added that he has also instructed all CNMI law enforcement agencies to coordi-

nate to combat this menace.

Educating the youth

Alicia Limtiaco, U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the CNMI, said that informing the youth of the effects of drug abuse is one way of teaching them not to give in to peer pressure and try. The U.S. Attorney’s Office has been going to different schools in the CNMI to educate students on the dangers of illegal substances. They have already visited the Alternative Education-High School, Saipan Southern High School, Tanapag Middle School, Garapan Elementary School, Chacha Oceanview, San Vicente Elementary School, and Dandan Middle School. Hopwood Junior High School has been one of their longtime

partner schools, while William S. Reyes Elementary School’s Parent-Teacher-Student Association had requested for a similar talk.

Limtiaco said that allowing former users to talk to children have a direct impact. “The message of keeping our minds and body healthy have an impact and influence the way a young person may think and act in the future. Prevention and outreach are also critical and important aside from enforcement.”

“These outreaches in our communities make a difference. The kids listen especially if we have people who are courageously sharing their past personal experiences and challenges they had faced. People who are in recovery, people who have been in the criminal justice system, who served time, come out of prison, and transformed their lives.”

Limtiaco said they would continue their outreach. “It is an important effort and we are privileged to have persons in recovery to speak about their personal experiences to the kids. They have a powerful message and these individuals have been involved in the criminal justice system.”

“They can really share how drugs changed their lives and their families, because they worked really hard to be in recovery. They contribute back to the community and they are doing very well. It is all about hope and coming together as a community to support them.”

She said drugs have affected some people directly or indirectly. “Everyone of us had been touched by drugs. We

might have a family member or a friend who have used drugs.”

Talk to your kids

A recent study showed that children whose parents talked to them about drug issues are most likely not to try illegal substances. Forty-two percent of kids who were given the drug talk and its dangers by their parents or guardians are less likely to use and abuse compared to those who have not discussed the issue with their families. The study also showed that 25 percent of youth said they have that kind of conversation with their families.

“What we need to improve on is for the families to talk to their children on a regular basis. We encourage parents and guardians to talk to their kids. Engage with them so they could understand that they can make the right choices and have adults to trust.”

She said “ice” has been the principal drug abused in the CNMI and Guam, that’s why it has been part of their campaign to also involve the youth. “When young people talk to their peers, it makes a difference. They can relate to each other and understand what they are going through in terms of social pressure and influences.”

“When we have young people who are part of the campaign, we can make a difference and it sends the right message of support. Having the conversation with the kids that there are people that they could reach out to is a reminder to them to keep their bodies and minds healthy, and to make the choice of being drug free.”

2 NMC students receive scholarship by Matson



NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez, center, poses with Matson liaison for Saipan Marites Yumul, left, Matson account executive Prudence Denight, second from left, and NMC students Isa Seman and Gemma Somol, right, yesterday, at the As Terlaje campus.

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Two students of the Northern

Marianas College were the initial beneficiaries yesterday of Matson Inc.’s first donation of \$1,500 out of a total of \$7,500

in pledged scholarships.

Matson will be donating scholarship funds in the next five years to students of

Saipan’s lone community college in celebration of 20 years of doing business in Micronesia.

NMC president Dr. Car-

men Fernandez is honored that Matson has expressed an interest in furthering their students’ ambitions.

“We are deeply appreciative of Matson’s commitment to provide NMC students with scholarship funds over the next five years. The funds go a long way in helping our students reach their educational and professional goals,” she said.

Matson account executive Prudence Denight said that Matson believes in the “advantages of education and the opportunities it presents an individual.”

“We are a business partner and also a community partner. This year we are celebrating 20 years of conducting business in the CNMI, Guam, and in Micronesia, so we took up the opportunity to provide to start up this scholarship. This first issuance of check coin-

cides with our 20th anniversary this year,” said Denight.

The two students that received the scholarship funds were Business Management major Gemma Somol and Business Management freshman Isa Seman.

Somol said the scholarship would be beneficial to her. “I really love it. I was so surprised when I found out. This is the first time I’ve won a scholarship, so I really appreciate it. I feel like this would make my dreams possible. It would help me along the way,” said Somol.

Seman was also surprised to obtain the scholarship. “I am actually surprised that I got it, but I am thankful for it. It’s really going to help me.”

The check issued to NMC amounting to \$1,500 is the first of five yearly scholarships that will be sponsored by Matson.

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A broken water pipe at the House of Justice on Saipan

JKPL feels they have experienced a 'smoother' Trunk or Treat event

Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, with the help of partnering agencies and clubs, was able to distribute about 4,000 pieces of candies at its annual Trunk or Treat event last Oct. 31.

Erlinda Naputi, acting director for the library, feels that the facility went through a more effective celebration of the annual event. She said they managed to distribute a large sum of candies, had great weather throughout, and had the traffic going smoothly.

Naputi thanked Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's partners that

resulted in the closure of the local courts yesterday at noon.

The courthouse will resume regular business hours today, Thursday, according to CNMI

made the 2016 Trunk or Treat a success.

"I feel like it was a great turnout. It was a lot smoother this year than the previous and with the fact that DPS managed to close down both streets helped with the traffic section. This made it even better for the flow. Last year seemed pretty chaotic so it was pretty refreshing to have things go smoothly," she said.

The library provided its facility, manpower, and candies for the event and had the responsibility of spearheading

Broken water pipe shuts down court operation

Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro and Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja.

Trunk or Treat with the assistance of their partners.

"We would like to thank the partners for their continued support of Trunk or Treat. I feel like it shows how many of our partners and agencies wish to give back to the community," Naputi said.

Those who donated candies included: first lady Diann Torres, Driving Minds Crazy Car Club, Ayuda Network, Domestic Violence Awareness

Committee, Office of Youth Affairs-Governor's Office, Marianas Health, Staywell, Marpac, Coca Cola, IT&E, Northern Marianas Housing Corp., Motherhead/Fatherhead Program, JKPL Bookmobile Program, Commonwealth Office of Transport Authority, Rotary Club of Saipan, CNMI Red Ribbon Coalition, Department of Public Safety, Saipan Southern High School's JROTC program, Marianas Business Plaza, and friends of the JKPL. *(Michael T. Santos)*

In their notice, Castro and Naraja did not indicate why the water pipe broke.

Deputy Director of Courts Sonia A. Camacho said that building superintendent Gerald Weaver and his crew were fixing the water pipe.

Camacho said she does not know what caused the water pipe to break and that she's still waiting for an update of the repair work from Weaver.

As a result of the water pipe situation, the offices and restrooms at the House of Justice had no water. It's not clear whether there was flooding in certain parts of

the building.

Superior Court hearings set in the morning pushed through, but those set in the afternoon were cancelled.

A Customs Division Academy class presentation yesterday before Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho's courtroom was moved to the Northern Marianas College Building G2.

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World first in resilience for Pacific

SUVA, Fiji—In a world-first, the Pacific has launched a regional industry association for practitioners involved in climate change, disasters and other sectors related to building resilience.

The Pacific Regional Federation for Resilience Professionals will boost the skills, education, training and employment opportunities for diverse professionals dedicated to climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and maintaining ecosystem services in a highly vulnerable region.

The launch by the European Union, Pacific community, and The University of the South Pacific took place at the Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management in Suva, Fiji, within the margins of Pacific Resilience Week 2016.

Envisioned to become a vibrant industry association, the federation will be supported through two major projects: the EU's Pacific Technical Vocational Education and Training in Sustainable Energy and Climate Change Adaptation Project and the Global Environment Facility Pacific International Waters Ridge to Reef Project.

According to the Delegation of the European Union for the Pacific, Head of Infrastructure, Natural Resources, Environment and Energy Section, Jesus Laviña, the new federation will be a vital support mechanism for practitioners on the frontlines of climate change and disasters and elevate resilience as a sector in its own right.

"The new federation will assist the certification of practitioners with a resilience-re-

lated qualification by housing a Resilience Industry Skills Advisory Committee which will review and update the education and training curriculum and practices for this qualification," Laviña said.

"Its focus will be closely aligned with regional and national needs for Pacific ACP countries, and we look forward to building the federation in conjunction with our government partners, SPC and USP," he said.

In attendance at the launch were Fiji's Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts, Dr. Mahendra Reddy; Vanuatu's Minister of Education and Training, Jean Pierre Nirua; Papua New Guinea's Minister for Education, Nick Kuman; Tuvalu's Education Minister, Fauoa Maani; and a representative of Samoa's Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture, Vaiao Finau Paulo.

The federation's five-year mission is to create an enabling environment for applying best practice in climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction and maintenance of ecosystem services in the Pacific.

Apart from improving the quality of education, training and certification of practitioners in the climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction sectors, it is also seen as a positive vehicle for greater cross sectoral integration and coordination, as characterized in the Ridge to Reef approach.

The federation was made possible through the support of the EU-supported EUR 6.1 million (FDJ 14.06 million) EU PacTVET Project jointly implemented by USP and SPC. *(SPC)*

Military training at Farallon de Medinilla

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

■ Nov. 3 from 8am to 10pm

■ Nov. 4 from 5am to 9pm

■ Nov. 7 from 7am to 10pm

■ Nov. 9 from 6am to 8pm

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated. *(PR)*

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Man with mental illness gets prison term

A man who has a history of mental illness pleaded guilty yesterday to disturbing the peace and was slapped with a sentence of four months and nine days in prison.

Yeugenity Cysochin, 26, is, however, a free man as he was given credit for time served.

His true name is confusing. Other police and court records indicate that his full name is Yevgeniy E. Vysochin or Yevgeniy Eduardovich Vysochin.

He is also known as Eugene and Shaggy.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho expressed again his concern about the apparent lack of a meaningful way to provide mental health care to defendants with mental illness and or disability in the CNMI criminal justice system.

At the hearing, Camacho discussed if the Department of Corrections is equipped to

handle defendants with mental illness and/or disability.

Camacho noted that the parties seem to agree that DOC does not have the mental health personnel to administer proper medications, counseling, and other services.

The judge said the parties also seem to agree that the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. is not equipped to handle defendants with mental illness and/or disability who

have violent behaviors.

Camacho sentenced the defendant to the maximum six months' imprisonment, all suspended except for four months and nine days.

He has been in custody since June 24, 2016.

Cysochin was placed on supervised release for one year and was ordered to pay a \$100 fine and \$25 in court costs.

The Office of the Attorney

General originally charged Cysochin with criminal mischief and disturbing the peace. The OAG amended the information twice.

According to court documents, Cysochin yelled at a woman last June 24 on Saipan.

The defendant has a prior conviction for resisting arrest.

When the latest incident happened, Camacho said the defendant was suffering from

mental illness.

Camacho said there were no serious injuries and the victim did not require medical assistance. The victim also supports the terms of the plea agreement.

Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas appeared for the government. Assistant public defender Michael Sato served as counsel for the defendant. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Judge helps train Customs personnel

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho helped train officers and personnel of the Division of Customs Services on proper search and seizure procedures yesterday.

Customs director Jose C. Mafnas joined more than 20 of the agency's personnel and cadets at the Northern Marianas College in learning more about search and seizure and understanding probable cause, especially in situations where there is no time to get a written warrant.

Part of a Customs' officer's job is to screen and inspect the baggage and luggage of visitors, and other shipment that are coming in to make sure there's no illegal contraband.

Camacho clarified that

searches done without a warrant does not mean without probable cause. These involve border searches, consent, plain view, inventory/impounded vehicle, exigent circumstances, search incident to a lawful arrest, and search incident to an already lawful arrest involving a motor vehicle.

He also explained about the proper procedure when it comes to starting an investigation from the time they collect and present evidence to the trial that could lead to conviction.

Camacho also tested the officers and cadets' decision-making and critical thinking skills where he gave them examples and situations on how to determine probable cause. He said a person is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

He then gave some pointers on courtroom demeanor and testimony before appearing in front of the court like avoiding the use of legalese or police lingo where as much as possible one must explain to the jury and judge the actual events that happened.

The training is part of Customs' ongoing program of increasing the knowledge of its personnel and upgrading their skills, being the first line of defense in protecting the CNMI's airport and seaport.

Camacho is a former police officer, prosecutor for the CNMI Attorney General's Office, private practitioner, and a member of the House of Representatives before ascending to the bench in November 2011. *(Jon Perez)*

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center-State Warning Point based on the latest visible satellite loop, a tropical disturbance centered about 110 miles northeast of Saipan is moving west-northwestward at about 15 mph.

A tropical disturbance is found east of the CNMI.

This disturbance is the subject of a tropical cyclone formation alert issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center. Development is anticipated to be slow and no damaging winds are expected for the Mariana Islands at this point. It should pass just north of Saipan last night and this morning.

Scattered heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms and gusty winds are expected to move into Saipan and Tinian waters late yesterday

afternoon and then over the islands last night. Showery weather was expected over Rota and Guam last night. Once this system has pulled west of the Mariana Islands on Thursday afternoon, a monsoon pattern will likely develop and prolong the wet weather through Friday.

While this disturbance is not expected to bring tropical storm conditions to the Marianas, the EOC is advising residents of Saipan, Tinian, and

Rota to maintain necessary precautionary measures for gusty winds and heavy rain showers and to also stay informed on the latest statements and advisories which will be available through local media sources and NOAA weather radio broadcast on 162.5 megahertz, or call the EOC at 237-8000 or 664-8000, and for the Northern Islands to contact the EOC at high frequency single side band radio on frequency 5.205.0. *(EOC)*

IGISOMAR

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in the CNMI. It is still at the committee of Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications headed by Igisomar in the Senate, and the Commerce and Tourism chaired by Rep. Joseph Leepan Guerrero in the House.

Igisomar said airline investors have a hard time dealing with the CNMI on which agency could help them open an airline route here.

"We want to empower CPA to be the lead agency to coordinate all forms of interest when it comes to new airlines. So that when an investor comes in, they know where to go to," Igisomar said.

Still, airline investors must still comply and follow all regulations set by the Federal Aviation Administration.

"We have federal regulations and limitations, and they need to comply with those requirements. But investors find so many obstacles and they don't know who or where to go to when it comes to discussing of offering flights to Saipan," said Igisomar. "They either go to the Governor's Office, to the Legislature, CPA, the Marianas Visitors Authority or the Commonwealth Development Authority. But at the end of the day, who is coordinating it? Nobody and we want to empower CPA to be that lead agency in dealing with these investors."

Igisomar said that having no lead agency to negotiate and deal with airlines already cost the CNMI a new carrier that could offer flights here. "The CPA, if it gets clear authorization, will put all regulations together to better assist them. Can you imagine how an investor feels on this issue?"

"Early this year, Orange

Air, an airline out of Florida, thought of opening a flight to the CNMI. But they didn't know who to talk to and they left. Nobody is helping them and they pulled out because we can't assist them. I'm a legislator and I can't be there. That's why I'm encouraging the agencies to work with these type of investors and see what they could do."

He said the CNMI should also get into a healthy competition with Guam when it comes to attracting tourists to visit the island and in bringing in new airlines. "First we need better service to get the airlines in. There are plans of infrastructure development and upgrades for the airport and seaport.

"Tourism is our main industry and one of the most important facility is the airport. We need all the help we could get and we rely on the airport for the tourists. The CPA should arrange their priorities," added Igisomar.

Showcase island culture

He said the islands' culture should greet tourists once they land at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. "I would like [the CPA] to also promote our language, Chamorro and Carolinian. I'd like our airport to have instructions or signs in Chamorro and Carolinian."

"I would like our airport to showcase our culture. This is who we are and we should be proud of it. The Chamorro and Carolinian languages should be the priority and the translations as secondary."

"When I go to another country, the instructions are in their language and English secondary. We have our own culture. Tourists come here to hear our language and watch our dances. They want to experience our culture and we must showcase it to them."

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yesterday that early voting has been going smoothly on the three islands.

As of 2:15pm yesterday, 393 have already voted on Saipan.

On the first day of early voting on Tuesday, 581 trooped to designated polling places. CEC considered that number a good turnout as it's a midterm election and it was All Saints' Day.

There are 17,930 registered voters in the CNMI.

Camacho said he already dispatched one Saipan police officer to Tinian and another Saipan police officer to Rota because election on the two islands is usually "heavy."

A Saipan police officer has been assigned each on Tinian and Rota and they will be as-

sisted by three other police officers from each of the two islands, said Camacho

Camacho has been designated by DPS as election operation commander.

Camacho said the two Saipan officers will return to Saipan on Nov. 8 when they escort the ballot boxes from Tinian and Rota for final counting at the Multi-Purpose Center.

Camacho said the assigned officers on Tinian and Rota have been communicating with them on Saipan.

"So far it's good," Camacho.

At the Multi-Purpose Center's parking lot, police tell some voters who have political stickers on their vehicles to either remove them or park beyond 300 feet from the polling place.

"That's the election law. The CEC let us know about the law and we enforce it,"

Camacho said.

He said not allowing political stickers or banners within 300 feet from a polling place is good because it reduces any commotion from political parties and their supporters.

Two police officers are assigned inside the Multi-Purpose Center while another is posted outside.

On Nov. 8 itself, Camacho said he will assign two to three police officers at every polling precinct on Saipan.

On top of that, Camacho said, police officers will also be roving to conduct spot checks or serve as troubleshooters.

Camacho said police officers will also be escorting the ballot boxes and poll workers in the buses on their way to the polling places from the Multi-Purpose Center and back for the tabulation.

"They have to eyeball the

boxes," Camacho said.

Ignacia Igisaiar, a 54-year-old house worker, said early voting is faster and there are less people and less traffic.

Igisaiar, a voter from Precinct 1 or the Koblerville area, said she did not vote on the first day of early voting on Tuesday because she went to the cemetery for All Saints Day.

Igisaiar has been an early voter in past elections.

For Vicenta Sanchez, a 24-year-old housewife, it was her first time to vote early yesterday and that she likes it because it's faster and there was no crowding at the polling place.

Sanchez, a voter from Precinct 1 or the Koblerville area, said her cousin invited her to try early voting. She was supposed to vote on Tuesday but no one would watch her 5-year-old son at home.

Phillip Canuto, who owns the flower shop Island Touch, also finds ways to participate.

"I usually sell and provide fresh flowers for people to decorate their relatives' tombstones with. However, sometimes I have to go on site to deliver them so I also make it a habit to fix other people's flowers that have tumbled over or got blown off," Canuto said.

The legions of foreign workers who are unable to visit the gravesites of their loved ones usually light candles in front of their homes to mark the occasion.

to join my family and honor the dead as well as attend the celebration of the Mass. You know how they say the Mass is the highest form of prayer? I feel that it [Mass] really helps in praying for the dead."

"Honoring the dead on these two days is not only for islanders but for Filipinos as well. It is a tradition for us to pray for the dead during Nov. 1 and 2. It's a very spiritual and sentimental experience, to be able to find a sort of spiritual closeness with our loved ones who have gone before us," Santos said.

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the dead.

A woman who agreed to speak on condition of anonymity visited her family's gravesites during work hours.

"These sort of events do not necessarily guarantee a day off. However, that doesn't take away the significance it may hold to the people here on island. I just want to come by and make sure they [deceased relatives] received something and I will be on my way," she said.

A recent widow, Sandra Jakosalem, along with her son and other close family friends, would visit the grave of her late husband, Silvino Jakosalem, at the Kagman cemetery.

"It's just a tradition to go here [cemetery] to visit him every All Souls' Day," Jakosalem said.

A Northern Marianas College student, Sam Santos, also participated in the two-day event. According to Santos, he and his family attended the Mass held at Mount Carmel cemetery.

"I [went] to the cemetery

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Public urged to report illegal dumping, littering

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality is encouraging the public to report any and all illegal dumping.

The bureau said that investigations must be conducted in order to determine the responsible parties so that appropriate enforcement actions can be taken.

Pursuant to Public Law 19-53, as amended, the Litter Control Apprehending Officer trainings are being conducted for new and existing Litter Control Officers for the following agencies: BECQ, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Health, Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Department of Public Lands, Department of Public Works, CNMI Zoning Office, and Office of the Mayor.

The purpose of the amendments is to encourage enforcement of the Litter Control Act by increasing the range of penalties, and other purposes. Any person found to have committed littering, an infraction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 and not more than \$5,000.

The upcoming Litter Control Apprehending Officer training will be held on Tinian on Nov. 10, 2016. Training will be conducted on Saipan; date and time will be announced. The Litter Control Program needs your help to keep our islands clean. Please contact BECQ at 664-8500 or download the Reef Report app on your smartphone to report illegal dumping. **(BECQ)**

Saipan Fil-Am Lions Club orients new members



The Saipan Fil-Am Lions Club officials pose with new members during their orientation at Kanoa Resort on Oct. 28, 2016. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Saipan Fil-Am Lions Club welcomed and oriented new members last Monday at Kanoa Resort, led by Saipan Fil-Am Lions Club president Annamae Adaza, Lions Club Region 2 chair Ladyvir Canape, and Lions Club zone chair Mario Mayuga.

The orientation was meant to educate newly recruited Lions Club members about the organization and presented past achievements and activities done internationally.


Guam's Herbie Perez, a past district governor who served as guest speaker, offered some insights about the Lions Club and answered questions from the new recruits.

Attendees consisted mostly of representatives from private companies, staff from the governor's office, Saipan Mayor's Office, and Rep. Edmund Vilagomez (Ind-Saipan). Also present to offer her support was Lions Club district governor Linda Tolan. Exemptions to the expected attendees were teachers of Marianas High School due to their desire of involving their students with the Leo Clubs.

Saipan Fil-Am Lions Club PRO Cherry Beth Casila and Canape said, "The information presented during the orientation provides a foundation for new members. It helps them understand how the club functions, what their role will be, and gives them the big picture of their district as well as the association. When new members are properly informed, they are more likely to feel comfortable with the club, become actively involved in club activities and remain in Lions for years."

"The Lions mindset is connect and reach out. Lions think about opportunities to access others. It's about growing large, widespread networks, enabling them the ability to find anyone in any field. It would be similar to finding needles in a hay stack in order to find those with the most unusual of skill sets. The Lions Club as a whole, focuses on addressing humanitarian needs, improving eye care, supporting the youth, and providing disaster relief," Casila and Canape said.

Saipan currently has four Lions clubs: the Fil-Am Lions Club, the Saipan Unity Lions Club, the Saipan Marianas Lions Club, and the Saipan Alliance Lion Club. Those who want to join the new club that will be chartered early next year may call, text, or email Adaza at 483-5237, Canape at 989-2545, or Mayuga at 285-1021. **(Michael T. Santos)**



COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF ELECTRIC CHARGES AND RATES

By order of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, CUC is authorized to adjust the Fuel Adjustment Charge, previously known as Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause or LEAC, depending on the price of oil. Adjustments are made when the "Mean of Platts Singapore" monthly pricing equals or exceeds a 4.5% differential of the average per gallon cost of fuel used in the calculation of the Fuel Adjustment Charge. Due to an increase in the average fuel prices, CUC will adjust the fuel-charge by 13.84%. Accordingly, the Fuel Adjustment Charge has increased from \$0.13232 per kWh to **\$0.15063** per kWh effective **November 1, 2016**.

BASE RATES				
	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	GOVERNMENT	MP*
1 Monthly Customer Charge	\$ 7.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 9.06
2 Base Rates Per kWh:				
KWH LEVELS				
1) 1 to 350	\$ 0.0210	\$ 0.1130	\$ 0.1240	\$ 0.1070
2) 351 to 1,200	\$ 0.0970	\$ 0.1130	\$ 0.1240	\$ 0.1070
3) 1,201 and over	\$ 0.1580	\$ 0.1130	\$ 0.1240	\$ 0.1070
3 Public Law 16-7 Credit (Rebate) Per kWh -- all usage	\$ (0.0230)	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Municipal Pumping

FUEL ADJUSTMENT CHARGE or FAC (Previously known as Levelized Energy Adjustment Clause or LEAC)				
	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL	GOVERNMENT	MP*
Current FAC (Effective 11/01/16)	\$ 0.15063	\$ 0.15063	\$ 0.15063	\$ 0.15063
Previous FAC (09/01/16 - 10/31/16)	\$ 0.13232	\$ 0.13232	\$ 0.13232	\$ 0.13232

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PUBLIC STREETLIGHTING AND PRIVATE AREA LIGHTING TARIFF			
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Fixture Charge:	See below.		
FIXTURE TYPE	WATTS	KWH/MONTH	FIXTURE CHARGE PER MONTH
1 Long Arm	250	101	\$ 11.67
2 Short Arm	175	71	\$ 8.33
3 LED	140	57	\$ 10.83

ELECTRIC NON-RATE FEES	
1 Late Charge (monthly)	1% of Past Due
2 NSF Check / Returned Check Charge	\$ 40.00
3 Convenience Fee (for pay-by-phone and online payments)	\$ 1.50
4 Unauthorized Connection	\$ 550.00
5 Reconnection at the Pole	\$ 200.00
6 Investigation (no charge for first two investigations)	\$ 210.00
7 Disconnection Notice	\$ 15.00
8 Meter Change Out	\$ 95.00
9 New Service - Single Phase	\$ 135.00
10 Inspection of Service (no charge for first two inspections)	\$ 90.00
11 Meter Test - Single Phase	\$ 75.00
12 Meter Test - Three Phase	\$ 110.00
13 Disconnection at the Meter	\$ 45.00
14 Reconnection at the Meter	\$ 60.00

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Northern Marianas Humanities Council

Navigating the Human Experience

Vacancy Announcement

Board of Directors

Northern Marianas Humanities Council

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council (Council) wishes to announce two vacancies on its board of directors.

The Council is a non-profit private corporation affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Council's mission is to "foster awareness, understanding and appreciation of the humanities through support of educational programs that relate the humanities to the indigenous cultures and to the intellectual needs and interests of the people of the Commonwealth."

The Council's board is comprised of thirteen volunteer members who serve three year terms. The Council strives to maintain a board that reflects a broad cross section of our CNMI community. The ideal candidate will have a strong desire to promote the Council's mission, programs, and activities and to actively participate in fundraising activities. Board responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Attending regular Council meetings four times annually;
- Raising funds for Council programs;
- Recruiting community partners;
- Promoting awareness about the Council's mission and its programs in the community;
- Attending Council programs and activities;
- Participating in working committee meetings;
- Evaluating Council programs and activities;
- Reviewing grant applications;
- Providing input about the humanities from various community members, and
- Attending conferences, workshops and other meetings on behalf of the Council.

Applicants are invited to submit their letters of interest and resumes to **Frankie M. Eliptico, Chair, Northern Marianas Humanities Council at Post Office Box 506437 Saipan, MP 96950** or delivered to the Council's office located in the Springs Plaza Building in Gualo Rai, Saipan. All letters of interest and resumes must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, 30 November 2016**. For additional information, please contact the Council's Executive Director, Scott Russell, at telephone 235-4785 or visit the Council's website at www.northernmarianashumanities.org.



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All Souls' Day 2016

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MICHAEL T. SANTOS

A woman places a matching set of flowers and candles for her late relatives at the Mount Carmel cemetery yesterday morning.



MICHAEL T. SANTOS

A man pays respects at the grave of a loved one at the Mount Carmel cemetery yesterday morning.



MICHAEL T. SANTOS

A couple arrives to honor their deceased loved ones at the Mount Carmel cemetery yesterday morning.



MICHAEL T. SANTOS

A man tidies up the wreath and candle on a grave at the Mount Carmel cemetery yesterday morning.



MICHAEL T. SANTOS

A group of family members get comfortable at the gravesite of departed relatives at the Tanapag cemetery yesterday afternoon.



MICHAEL T. SANTOS

A relative lights all the candles on her family's gravesite at the Mount Carmel cemetery yesterday morning.



MICHAEL T. SANTOS

A woman pays tribute to her loved ones by praying in front of their graves at the Mount Carmel cemetery yesterday morning.



PLEASE VOTE Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan WORKS FOR YOU

Working for education...

- ✓ **Increased Title I-A federal funding for Marianas schools by \$4.3 million beginning in 2017**—Every Student Succeeds Act, Public Law 114-95. Also makes the Marianas eligible for Innovation and Research grants, before open only to states.
- ✓ **Appropriated \$36 million for our Public School System, funding 99 jobs, renovations at every school, and laptops for high school students**—American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Public Law 111-5. One of my first votes in Congress.
- ✓ **Made permanent the American Opportunities Tax Credit**—Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act, Public Law 114-113. These tax credits include \$2,500 each year for college costs, and \$250 for teachers for out-of-pocket school expenses.
- ✓ **Secured \$8.3 million for PSS to pay salaries for 798 teachers, librarians, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, maintenance staff, and principals for two and a half pay periods**—Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act, Public Law 111-226. I was one of 21 original co-sponsors of legislation giving PSS more federal funding—just as local funding for schools was cut by \$7 million.
- ✓ **Raised Pell grants for college students and delivered \$7.5 million to the Northern Marianas College in College Access Challenge Grants**—Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act, incorporated in Public Law 111-152. As one of the 22 original co-sponsors of this bill I helped boost Pell grants to as much as \$5,815 in 2017 for about 1,000 NMI college students. College Access Challenge Grants helped NMC's low-income students pay fees and buy books.
- ✓ **Added slots for Marianas students at the U.S. military academies**—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016, Public Law 114-92. The academies now have nine positions set aside for our young men and women, up from just three in 2009 when I first entered office.

Working for veterans...

- ✓ **Pushed for the expansion of the Saipan Troop Store**—Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011, Public Law 111-383. Construction of the \$1.8 million project is underway, because the study I added in legislation proved the troop store expansion economically viable.
- ✓ **Initiated the Veterans History Project in the Marianas, to add the stories of our veterans to the Library of Congress.** Now future generations can learn about the service experiences and contributions of Marianas citizens.

Working for health care...

- ✓ **Increased Medicaid funds, helped keep our only hospital open**—Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Public Law 111-152. I fought for inclusion in health care reform, and secured \$109 million more in Medicaid through 2019.
- ✓ **\$688,000 for Kagman Community Health Center**—Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015, Public Law 114-10. In 2009, I helped get the \$80,000 planning grant needed for application, then, in 2012, the \$608,333 in Obamacare start-up funds needed to open the Kagman Center.

Working for infrastructure...

- ✓ **Raised water and sewer funding for the Marianas from \$1 million to over \$6 million annually**—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Acts, 2010–2016. More than \$59 million has been made available to the Marianas to help bring 24-hour water.
- ✓ **Boosted federal highway fund for the Marianas**—Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, Public Law 114-94. The funding included transit and safety programs worth \$1.2 million annually, and an additional \$1 million over five years for road construction.

- ✓ **Increased federal funds for harbor improvement projects on Rota and Tinian**—The Water Resources Reform and Development Act, Public Law 113-121. My provision in the law increased the federal share for all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects in the Marianas, including Rota and Tinian harbor plans now underway. I also got \$1.3 million for each harbor in Public Law 114-113.
- ✓ **NMI National Guard proposal moves forward**—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014, Public Law 113-66. The National Guard feasibility study I added to the law reported favorably, and an implementation plan is in the works. Typhoon Soudelor showed the need to have our own Guard unit to respond to disasters.

Working for natural resources...

- ✓ **Submerged lands around our islands conveyed to the people and government of the Northern Mariana Islands**—Public Law 113-34. Enacted in 2014, this was the first bill I introduced.
- ✓ **Rota National Park Study underway**—Authorized in Public Law 113-291, funded in Public Law 114-113. The study will recommend whether Congress should make any part of Rota a national park.

Working for families...

- ✓ **Made permanent the federally funded Child Tax Credit**—Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act, Public Law 114-113. This tax credit is worth \$7.9 million yearly to Marianas families.
- ✓ **\$32.5 million for the Marianas to join the national food stamp program**—The Agricultural Act of 2014, Public Law 113-79. The funds bring our families in need closer to getting the same food assistance as other Americans. In 2010 and 2012, I also secured funding that raised benefits on Rota, Tinian, and Saipan.
- ✓ **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Public Law 111-5:** The Recovery Act helped wage earners in the Marianas with an income tax credit in 2009 and 2010—up to \$400 for individuals and \$800 for those filing jointly—and provided funds to the CNMI Treasury to cover the cost.
- ✓ **Increased federal funding to address domestic and sexual violence in the Marianas**—Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, Public Law 111-320 and the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, Public Law 113-4. The Marianas now gets a state-share of funding for family violence prevention. Funding for sexual assault services doubled.

Working for the economy...

- ✓ **Parole for Chinese and Russian tourists**—An early victory for me was getting the Department of Homeland Security to allow tourists from Russia and China to enter the Marianas after the federal government took control of immigration.
- ✓ **Extended federal immigration transition period in the Marianas to 2019**—Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, Public Law 113-235. The five-year extension applies to the Commonwealth-only Transitional Worker (CW) program, the bar on asylum that allows Chinese and Russian tourists enter the Northern Marianas, the E-2C investor visa program, and the exemption from the national cap on H visas.
- ✓ **Secured \$119 million in stimulus funds for the Northern Marianas**—American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Public Law 111-5. These funds created or saved 462 jobs.

Working for you...

- ✓ **Over the last eight years, I have responded to more than 3,448 constituent requests for assistance.** And I will continue to work hard to help more people.

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A bomb dropped days before election

What a fine mess, indeed. Where to start? FBI Director James Comey spent the weekend trying to find a chair that didn't burn—and not undeservedly so—for rolling a grenade into this most bitter and divisive of elections. His Friday letter to Congress effectively picking the scabs on the Hillary Clinton email investigation so close to Election Day was the October surprise to beat all.

Figuratively speaking, exploding heads were the order of the day.

Then again, Clinton and her team have some nerve to demand transparency now, when genuine transparency from them in the last 18 months might have put this email story to sleep, where Comey had told us it belonged. In a dramatic July revelation, he sharply criticized Clinton as “extremely careless” but said “no reasonable prosecutor” with his evidence would pursue criminal charges for mishandling classified information.

Now, seeds planted then have grown into a bigger question mark for American voters, with early voting well underway.

Clinton's early dodges and shifting explanations exacerbated trust and honesty deficits with enough voters to keep her race with Republican Donald Trump closer than one might expect, given his excesses, frailties and character flaws.

Top Justice Department officials advised Comey against sending that Friday letter, in large part because the feds typically steer clear of any action in the home stretch that could affect an election outcome.

Yet because of his previous declaration that the FBI's investigation into Clinton was complete—and subsequent congressional testimony—he felt obligated to revise his remarks for the record, once a new trove of email was found in the most unusual of places.

The FBI reportedly turned up 650,000 emails on a laptop owned by Anthony Weiner, the former congressman and selfie king of Queens. Weiner's estranged wife, Huma Abedin, is among Clinton's closest advisers. Agents working the unrelated Weiner case—he's accused of sending lewd photos to a 15-year-old—found what Comey described as emails that might be related to Clinton's private server.

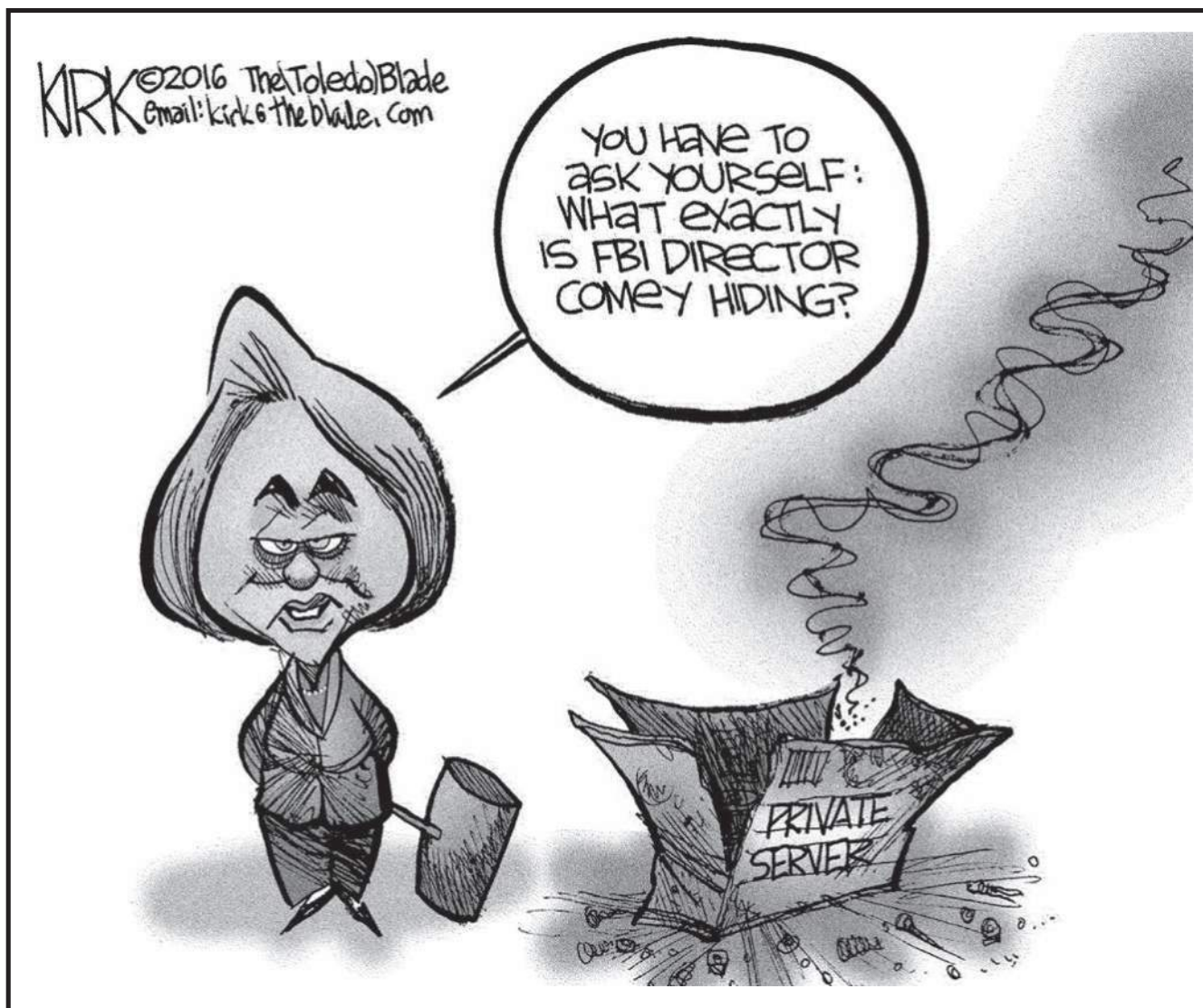
Or not. Comey apparently had not seen the new emails, although his investigators located the trove in early October. Only now do the feds have a warrant that will allow them to sift out and analyze Clinton-related emails from the Weiner computer.

Still unknown is whether these Abedin emails are duplicates of previously surrendered messages. And, beyond that, whether they even matter to an investigation into the handling of classified information.

We can't know what we don't know, and there's little chance the FBI can provide definitive answers in the short run-up to Election Day.

Caught in the crossfire are voters who again must weigh whether Clinton's admitted mistake in exclusive use of a private email server while secretary of state should matter.

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Laughable double standard from Clinton camp

The word of the weekend was “protocol.”

In deciding to tell Congress about a new trove of emails that may or may not contain classified information and may or may not relate to Hillary Clinton, FBI Director James Comey broke Justice Department protocol both by releasing information close to an election and by revealing details of an ongoing investigation. It was a “stunning breach of protocol,” former Attorney General Eric Holder dutifully insisted.

Tim Kaine invoked protocol more than a half-dozen times Sunday in his interview with ABC's George Stephanopoulos. “It is just extremely puzzling,” the Democratic vice presidential nominee said. “Why would you break these two protocols?”

“Puzzled” was the runner-up word of the weekend; Kaine used it repeatedly, as did Clinton's campaign manager Robby Mook. “We are so puzzled right now,” Mook told NBC's Chuck Todd.

Well, let's try to solve this riddle. Comey's regrettable decision is much easier to understand once you realize it is one small piece of the larger puzzle. He made a bad choice—though probably the least bad choice of those available to him—precisely because all of the relevant actors in this sordid mess have been breaking protocol for years.

Clinton broke all kinds of protocol by setting up her stealth server and then lying about it not only in public but also, I would argue, to Congress. She broke protocol when her aides smashed phones with a hammer and erased emails—official government records—after they were subject to a congressional subpoena.

Bill Clinton broke protocol when he met with Attorney General Loretta Lynch in secret while his wife was still under investigation by the FBI. Lynch, smarting from her breach of protocol with the former president, widened the breach by refusing to recuse herself and investing instead in the FBI director the authority to decide whether or not to prosecute Hillary Clinton.

President Obama broke protocol when he told “60 Minutes” that Clinton—with whom he had corresponded over an unsecured email channel—did nothing to endanger national security long

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before the investigation was even concluded.

And, of course, the Democratic Party broke not a formal protocol but one hell of a rule of thumb by nominating a woman who carries more baggage than the cargo hold of the Queen Mary.

“There is a very good argument—I would say, an irrefutable argument—that Comey should never have pronounced that the Clinton emails investigation was closed (in fact, it would have been appropriate if he had made no public statement about the investigation at all),” Andrew McCarthy, a former federal prosecutor, writes in National Review. “But having made that pronouncement—which, again, Mrs. Clinton was thankful to have and which she has ceaselessly exploited—he was obliged by law-enforcement principles to amend it when it was no longer true.”

And that gets to the heart of it. Comey by his own hand, as well as with the encouragement of the Obama administration, the media and the Clinton Industrial Complex, found himself perched atop an enormous mountain of crap. Any effort to get off the fetid summit was bound to leave him soiled.

That is what the Clintons do. They do not care about the breach of protocol, only the reach of protocol. Everyone should be sticklers for the rules, except the Clintons and their henchmen. That was the story of the Bill Clinton administration, from the firing of the White House travel office through the numerous money-raising scandals, the impeachment drama and the president's disastrous last-minute pardons.

They force their allies to sell off bits and pieces of their credibility defending the indefensible, while insisting their critics are the only ones with bad motives. Already, the word has gone forth that Comey's reputation must be destroyed to protect what's left of Clinton's, even though she is the author of her own travails.

We knew it was coming when Clinton said Friday night that Comey sent his letter to the “Republican members of the House.” That was a distortion. He sent it to the relevant chairs, plus the relevant ranking Democrats. But that is standard protocol in Clinton world: Destroy the messenger.

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New president must reach out to help heal bitter divisions

The presidential election has exposed and exacerbated the deep divisions within American society. It is sometimes difficult to see what still unites us, other than shared dissatisfaction with our political system. One of the presidential candidates is already declaring that the election is “rigged” if he loses. The other candidate and many of her supporters see their opponent as a threat to the foundations of our democracy. They might be correct, and there is no reason to anticipate that the internal threats to our democracy will disappear after the election.

But we have been here before. And we can emerge as a country together once again this time, if whoever is elected goes big.

As early as 1800, it took 36 ballots in the House of Representatives for the selection of Thomas Jefferson as president of an obviously divided country. In 1824, Andrew Jackson was denied the presidency in what his supporters called a “corrupt bargain” that merged Henry Clay’s and John Quincy Adams’ electoral support to give the latter the presidency. When Jackson was finally elected in 1828, he pursued his revenge, firing the employees hired by Adams and cutting federal support for the Bank of the United States and other development efforts favored by his predecessor.

President John Quincy Adams was challenged by “Old Hickory,” war hero Andrew Jackson. The interests backing the incumbent Adams went all out to discredit Jackson. Newspaper columns, leaflets, and handbills called Jackson’s mother a prostitute who birthed Jackson by a mulatto father. Jackson’s wife was tagged a bigamist, and Jackson himself a murderer. Opponents even went after Jackson’s military exploits in the Battle of New Orleans during the War of 1812, a harbinger of the 2004 “swift-boating” of John Kerry. Jackson’s wife, Rachel, was so upset by the tenor of the campaign that she died of a heart attack before she could see her husband inaugurated.

More recently, the elections of Franklin Roosevelt in 1932, John F. Kennedy in 1960 and George W. Bush in 2000 followed heated campaigns where supporters of the losers questioned the fairness of the outcome. Roosevelt’s opponents claimed he had

exploited the depression and pandered to African-Americans, Jews, Catholics and other undesirables. Kennedy’s and Bush’s adversaries questioned the actual vote count in what were close elections filled with irregularities.

What held our divided country together after these divisive elections? Concession speeches by defeated candidates were important, but their influence is often exaggerated. Andrew Jackson never affirmed the justice of the 1824 result, and the detractors of Roosevelt, Kennedy and Bush continued to question the legitimacy of those presidents long after their inaugurations. The same was true for opponents of Barack Obama, including those who denied his U.S. birth.

Elections rarely heal partisan divides in American history. In fact, they frequently deepen the anger and resentment of the losers, as is likely to happen after this election. Bringing the country together is the most important task for the newly elected president. It is, of course, important to reach out to the defeated, but that has not been what held the country together in the past.

After a deeply divided election, past presidents have enlarged support in one way: going big. Instead of pursuing an existing party platform and trying to appease the other side, Jefferson, Jackson and Roosevelt announced ambitious agendas aimed at capturing new voters and isolating old opponents. For Jefferson, this meant an expansion of the republic through the massive Louisiana Purchase. For Jackson, post-election policy centered on clearing land of Indians and eliminating other barriers for white citizens to prosper. Roosevelt, of course, announced a New Deal, where the government stepped into local communities to create jobs and insurance for suffering families.

A divided country needs a president who will break out of the existing debate and push toward exciting goals. The newly elected president must offer a new political paradigm, not just more of the same. Jefferson, Jackson and Roosevelt understood that. They succeeded in building huge majorities for their re-elections, and their parties, because their programs attracted new participants to the political process.

to the world beyond his unknowable thoughts. He loves running.

Or did. Chase turned in his uniform after the Oct. 14 incident.

His mother sought a warrant to arrest her son’s attacker on a charge of harassment, which carries a maximum 15-day sentence. In an act of breathtaking moral obtuseness, a judge in Rochester, where this happened, turned her down. In a victory for systemic bigotry, the judge is African-American. On Monday, police said their investigation was ongoing.

Which is all well and good. But try to picture some burly black man assaulting an autistic white boy. Try to conceive of authorities still hemming and hawing about it almost three weeks later. You can’t. Not even Stephen King has that much imagination.

How many times have black people bled because white men were scared? Of retribution or uprising. Of robbery or rape. Of social equality and the loss of place and prerogative. Of blackness itself.

Tamir Rice was shot and killed within two seconds because a white man was scared.

Trayvon Martin was stalked and killed because a white man was scared.

Levar Jones was shot while complying with a state trooper’s command because the trooper, a white man, was scared.

White men’s fear has long been the story of black people’s lives and deaths. It is a story told in spectacle lynchings and burning schoolhouses, in poll taxes and restrictive covenants.

Someone will say violent crime statistics justify a white man’s fear. They don’t. To the contrary, they warn that if you are fated to be victimized, the attacker will probably look a lot like you.

Someone else will say that not all white men are scared and that some actively fight against fear. This, of course, is true.

But what does that matter to Chase? How do you explain any of this to an indrawn boy who had been used to adults being kind to him? How do you tell him that he terrifies some people just by standing in a road, lost? How do you make him understand what can happen when white men are scared?

Consider that a man assaulted him, then justice betrayed him, and that our whole history suggests it could have been much worse. Then ask yourself:

Who should be frightened of whom?

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If Hillary Clinton is elected president, as seems likely according to current polls, she would be wise to follow the examples of Jefferson, Jackson and Roosevelt. Reaching out to members of the Republican Party is appropriate, but it will not extinguish their deep hatred of her and much of what she stands for.

Similarly, returning to traditional Democratic policies will not give Clinton new political leverage; if anything, it will make her a prisoner to the loudest and most controversial Democratic voices in Congress. If Donald Trump wins, he will need to show that he also has a serious plan to advance the country, not just his own interests.

But regardless of who wins, the new president must go big with an exciting, visionary and realistic program that attracts attention from the millions of Americans disillusioned with our political system. He or she must focus on job creation, small-business development, access to high-quality education, and climate change, above all. The new president must offer people filled with fear a renewed sense of hope.

Public enthusiasm for big policy change, not the rare experience of national unity, is what keeps our large and complex country together.

LITERARY NOOK

Who Votes for Donald Now

By **JOEY “PEPE BATBON” CONNOLLY**
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

so who votes for Donald Trump now who puts the country’s trust in a fool who will rely on him to take command citizens possessing the inherent know how think back to what they learned in school “to the republic for which it stands” Benjamin Franklin said our republic would not live under the weight of ignorance it was the best form of government if we keep it let us make ideas of our founding fathers stick and drop the demagogic TV reality romance on the dung heap of history we should heap it so who will vote for Donald Trump now? why those who can’t tell a cougar from a cash cow

Title inspiration is W.B. Yeats’ Who Goes With Fergus, 1893.

The Crazy Billionaire

crazy for power but not power sharing the ‘bigly’ billionaire swaggers on stage ego inflated way beyond any comparing he pumps the audience with self righteous rage they struggle to grasp and understand in vain for the demagogue to be clear and explain migrants will stay behind a wall or be deported he praises Putin’s country grabbing outreach at fifth grade reading level his talk and textual absolute refusal to have his IRS taxes reported repeats himself daily in every stump speech denies, in complete denial of anything sexual the United States loses face all around the world as the crazy billionaire’s personality is unfurled

Title inspiration is W.B. Yeats’ The Crazy Moon, 1933.

What happens when white men are scared

By **LEONARD PITTS JR.**
MIAMI HERALD

It happened because a white man was scared.

Chase Coleman was on a park road, probably lost and confused, having straggled far behind the pack—he’s a cross-country runner from Syracuse, N.Y.—when the white man got out of his car and shoved him. A witness said Chase flew back 10 feet and landed on his backside.

Because that white man was scared.

He had no reason to be. As described by witnesses in the *Washington Post* and on Syracuse.com, Chase is a gangly black kid, 15 years of age, who weighs about 130 lbs. The white man is said to be very tall and to weigh twice that.

But that white man was scared.

Fifty-seven-year-old Martin MacDonald told police he feared that Chase—on foot, unarmed, wearing a runner’s uniform with a number pinned to his chest—might mug MacDonald’s wife, who was in the car next to him. MacDonald was also incensed the boy did not respond to his commands to get out of the road.

But Chase has autism and is nearly nonverbal. He doesn’t respond to much of anything.

Except running. He’s not very good at it, often finishes last. But his mom says being on his high school track team is one of the few ways he has ever been able to participate with others, to connect

ELECTION

From Page 10

This newspaper has said that even with her known email troubles, Clinton was by far the superior candidate and best hope for the nation. This new twist has not changed that, even with the questions left by the murky details and manifest unknowns.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 15 to 20 mph.

▲87° ▼79°

FRIDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

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SATURDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲88° ▼79°

SUNDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

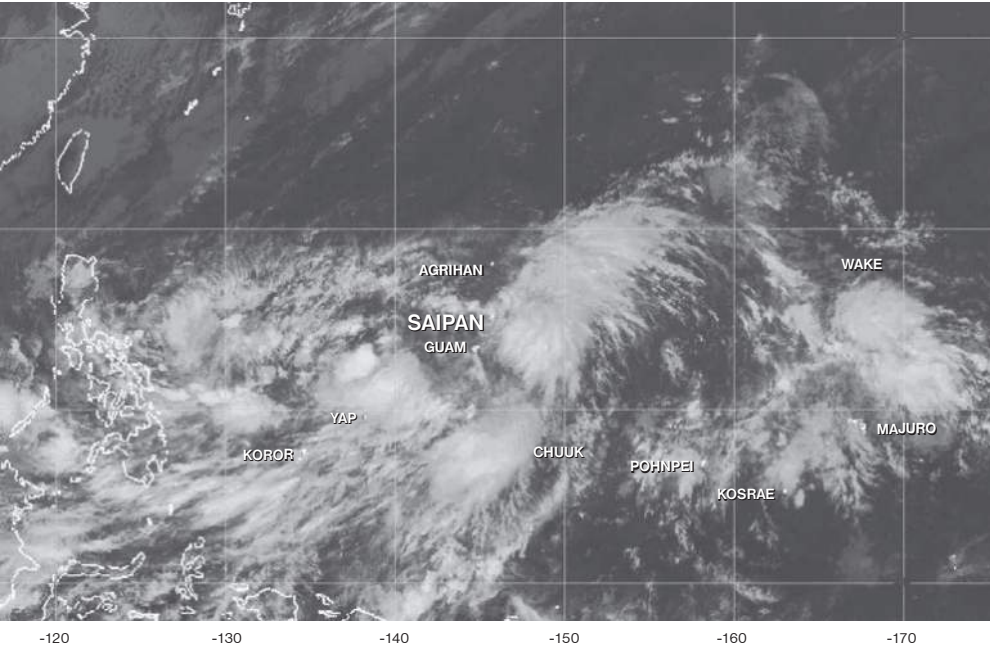
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MONDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼79°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 5:28 AM, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2016
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical disturbance 99W is seen on IR satellite east of the Marianas, with a poorly defined center near 14N149E. It appears to be moving WNW toward Tinian and Saipan, firing off areas of deep convection as it goes. In the Marianas, only isolated showers are present, with gentle to moderate winds and seas near 7 feet at the buoys. Seas may briefly come close to the small craft advisory threshold of 10 feet in the northeastern fringe of Saipan waters this morning, but opted to limit seas to 9 feet for today's forecast in general. The inclement weather that is likely today will give boaters plenty of reasons to keep their small craft out of those waters in any case.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA ▼ ▲		
Guam and Rota	Mostly cloudy	81 / 85 °F
Palau	Mostly cloudy	82 / 86 °F
Yap	Mostly cloudy	80 / 87 °F
Chuuk	Decreasing cloudiness	80 / 88 °F
Pohnpei	Heavy rain	78 / 86 °F
Kosrae	Mostly sunny	83 / 88 °F
Majuro	Mostly sunny	83 / 87 °F
AROUND THE GLOBE ▼ ▲		
Auckland	Afternoon clouds	54 / 63 °F
Beijing	Sunny	24 / 57 °F
Hong Kong	Partly cloudy	66 / 76 °F
Honolulu	Mostly sunny	71 / 80 °F
London	High level clouds	35 / 50 °F
Los Angeles	Sunny	60 / 83 °F
Manila	Morning clouds	82 / 91 °F
Melbourne	Morning clouds	48 / 71 °F
Miami	Partly cloudy	74 / 81 °F
New York	Partly sunny	57 / 73 °F
Osaka	Morning clouds	48 / 64 °F
Paris	Morning clouds	34 / 52 °F
Pusan	Mostly sunny	41 / 59 °F
Rome	Partly cloudy	56 / 67 °F
Salem	Light showers	49 / 64 °F
San Francisco	Mostly sunny	53 / 68 °F
Seoul	Partly cloudy	37 / 57 °F
Tokyo	Partly cloudy	48 / 62 °F
Washington, DC	Partly sunny	57 / 78 °F

NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PAPA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		
3:34 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.07 Feet
10:21 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.81 Feet
4:08 PM	LOW TIDE	1.08 Feet
8:56 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.71 Feet

SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Friday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Saturday	6:15 AM	5:47 PM
Sunday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Monday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET		
Today	8:48 AM	8:29 PM
Friday	9:36 AM	9:16 PM
Saturday	10:25 AM	10:06 PM
Sunday	11:13 AM	10:57 PM
Monday	12:00 PM	11:49 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4	UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM	PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/6395	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR	UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM				
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM				
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM	UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM				

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju Air; HX: Hong Kong Airlines; LJ: Jin Air; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily			
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3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily						
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily						
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily						

SAIPAN TO TINIAN		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
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1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Bank accepting grant applications for small businesses

Bank of Hawaii is now accepting applications for the I Kinometi Para I Kumunidât I Islâ-ta/Small Business Revitalization and Development Grant for projects that stimulate small business development and economic activity on Saipan. Small business

owners with a successful track record in business operation or management and who have not yet been a recipient of the grant are invited to submit applications by Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. Grants will be awarded of up to \$5,000 each.

Bank of Hawaii established the grant program in 2012 to promote new businesses in the Western Pacific and to encourage existing small businesses to expand.

If not already completed, grant awardees are required to successfully complete one

of the following before Nov. 17, 2016:

■ CNMI Small Business Development Center small business training program.

■ Bank of Hawaii Smart Money small business financial education training.

Grant awardees are also

expected to report back to the bank on how the grant has made a difference to their business and the community by Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2016.

Application forms are available at Bank of Hawaii's Garapan Branch or by contact-

ing branch manager (Saipan) Rose Sumor at (670) 237-2983. Applications should be submitted to: Branch manager Rose Sumor, Bank of Hawaii, Springs Plaza, Chalan Pale Arnold, Saipan MP 96950 or PO Box 500566, Saipan MP 96950. **(BoH)**

Congratulations to GCA NJSDA and NSDA October winners

Grace Christian Academy's 12 National Junior Speech and Debate Association and eight National Speech and Debate Association competitors won several awards in the first monthly qualifying competitions for the 6th-8th and 9th-12th grade categories last Oct. 18-19, 2016, at Saipan International School and Hopwood Middle School. These competitions encourage public and private school students to participate in and become proficient in debate, reading, public speaking, and interpretations.

Participated by different private and public schools in the CNMI, the GCA competitors bagged 10 first place awards in different events like Lincoln Douglas Debate, Extemporaneous Speech, Impromptu Speech, Duo Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation, Prose Reading and Poetry Reading. The administration, faculty and staff, and parents of Grace Christian Academy would

like to extend their congratulations to the winners and everyone who participated in the first NJSDA and NSDA competitions.

NJSDA (6TH-8TH GRADE)

Lincoln Douglas Debate
Na Lee Christy Lee, 1st Place

Duo Interpretation A
Soleil Lamar, 5th Place
Brandie Matsumoto, 5th Place

Duo Interpretation B
Haeun Emily Lee, 1st Place
Gayeon Angela Kim, 1st Place

Joyce Liv Francisco, 5th Place
Eun Ena Sol Kim, 5th Place

Impromptu Speech B
Brandie Matsumoto, 3rd Place

Impromptu Speech C
James Alexander Keaton, 1st Place
Soleil Lamar, 3rd Place

Impromptu Speech D
Anthony Jacob Camacho, 2nd Place
Jonathan Lee, 5th Place

Extemporaneous Speech A

James Alexander Keaton, 1st Place
Na Lee Christy Lee, 2nd Place
Anthony Jacob Camacho, 4th Place

Poetry Reading B
Haeun Emily Lee, 1st Place

Poetry Reading C
Matthew Gabriel Ernest, 2nd Place

Prose Reading B
Jonathan Lee, 1st Place

Poetry Reading C
Haeun Emily Lee, 1st Place
Soleil Lamar, 2nd Place
Brandie Matsumoto, 3rd Place

Prose Reading Masters B
Gayeon Angela Kim, 3rd Place

NSDA (9TH-12TH GRADE)

Lincoln Douglas Debate
Hyunin Harry Noh, 3rd Place

Dramatic Interpretation
Tae Yong Kim, 1st Place

Humorous Interpretation A
Kaydie Claude Aquino, 4th Place

Duo Interpretation B
Eun Kyung Alice Kim, 3rd Place



Grace Christian Academy's National Junior Speech and Debate Association and National Speech and Debate Association competitors have their picture taken at the school campus. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Sein Woo, 3rd Place

US Extemporaneous Speech
Hyunin Harry Noh, 2nd Place
Lanz Jabez Victoria, 4th Place
Arvin Dayao, 5th Place

International Extemporaneous Speech
Hyunin Harry Noh, 1st Place

Impromptu Speech A
Lanz Jabez Victoria, 5th Place

Impromptu Speech C
Martin Angelo Pangilinan, 1st Place
Kaydie Claude Aquino, 3rd Place

Poetry Reading A
Tae Yong Kim, 4th Place

Poetry Reading B
Sein Woo, 5th Place

Prose Reading A
Eun Kyung Alice Kim, 2nd Place

Commentary
Martin Angelo Pangilinan, 2nd Place
Arvin Dayao, 3rd Place

NJSDA/NSDA coach/coordinator:
Grace Duran

Competition registrar: Esther Manzano

Judges: Pastor Connie Chandler, Laila Portuguese, Allison Burnett, Melody Woo, Minna Ito **(PR)**



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Chamber meeting, board election today

The monthly meeting for November of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be held today, Thursday, instead of the usual first Wednesday of the month to accommodate the observance of All Souls Day. The November

3rd venue is Hyatt Sandcastle. Start time for the luncheon is 11:30am. The meeting portion begins at noon.

Guest speaker will be Commissioner Robert Guerrero of the Department of Public Safety. There will also be a presentation from Anthony Quenga from Bank of Guam (Guam) regarding the Google Start Up Weekend coming to Saipan this weekend.

Also, the Chamber will be electing the 2017/2018 board. There are nine total members on the Chamber board. The nominees (in alphabetical order) who will be on the ballot for 2017/2018 are: Wayne Gillespie (Kaynomi Enterprises), Donna Krum (Friends First Marketing), Kevin McCale (Docomo), Tyrell Pauling (Hyatt), Ron Smith (Angil Design), Bud White (associate member), and Alex Youn (AC Pacific - I Love Saipan). One's membership category will determine the amount of votes allotted to one's company. If you are unable to attend Thursday's meeting and wish to place your vote, e-mail your selection by Wednesday at 5pm. **(SCC)**

Family grief support

group to meet today

The Compassionate Friends of Saipan will be holding their monthly grief support meeting today, Nov. 3, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road, in Gualo Rai. For more information, e-mail tcf-saipan@gmail.com or call Donna Krum (783-1900). To learn more about The Compassionate Friends, visit their website at www.compassionatefriends.org. **(TCF)**

Election Day is a holiday

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016, both the Lower Base transfer station and the Marpi landfill will be closed for Election Day. Pursuant to Title 1 Division 6 § 6508 of the Commonwealth Code and as stated in Public Law 12-18, Nov. 8, which is designated as Election Day, shall be a legal holiday in the Commonwealth. **(PR)**

Veterans Week proclamation signing

All veterans, active and reserve military members, their families, family members of those departed veterans, the local marine scouts and the public are all invited for the

signing of a proclamation on Nov. 7, 2016, (Monday) at the Office of the Governor's conference room at 10am as we celebrate the Veterans Week of Nov. 7-11, 2016. Veterans Day will be on Nov. 11, 2016, at the American Memorial Park's court of honor at 11am. Keynote speaker will be Brig. Gen. Stephen K. Curda, commanding general. **(PR)**

Calling all Vietnam veterans

If you were on active duty from Nov. 1, 1955, to July 25, 1975, you are considered a Vietnam veteran regardless of location. Meeting that was held on Oct. 28, 2016, at Veterans of Foreign Wars at 6pm will have a make-up date on Nov. 7, 2016, at the same place and same time. This meeting will discuss the upcoming Veteran's Day ceremony, which includes the issuance of the lapel pin and other recognition. Should you have any question, call Mac Chargualaf at 285-1948 or call the Saipan's Mayor's Office 234-6208. **(PR)**

BECQ Brigade eyes Tank Beach

The Bureau of Environmental

and Coastal Quality's Cleanup Brigade will be picking up trash at the Tank Beach in Kagman on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016, at 8am. If you would like to volunteer, meet the BECQ representatives on Saturday at the Tank Beach parking lot at 8am. Volunteers will split into groups and clean until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed. This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a brigade T-shirt. For more information about volunteering, contact the BECQ office at 664-8500/1. **(BECQ)**

Volunteers sought for AMP's 2nd Day of Service

The American Memorial Park is inviting the community to participate in the park's second Day of Service on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016, from 7am to 10am. Volunteers are needed to assist in a number of projects including weeding, raking, and picking up trash. Sign up outside the American Memorial Park Visitor Center. Bring a water bottle, closed-

toed shoes, hat and sunscreen. To learn more about this event or other happenings at the park, contact Ranger Brooke Nevitt at 234-7207 x 2020 or email brooke_nevitt@nps.gov. **(NPS)**

WAP program now accepting applicants

The Department of Public Works' Energy Division, Weatherization Assistance Program for low income residents on Saipan, Tinian and Rota is now accepting applications on a first come, first serve basis. Individuals wishing to avail of this program may obtain an application for service at the Energy Division on Capitol Hill building No. 1337 on Saipan. For Tinian and Rota, applicants can pick up applications at the Tinian or Rota Mayor's Office or you may download applications from our website at www.cnmienergy.com. If you have any questions regarding this program, do not hesitate to contact program manager Christine Babaut or Eugene C. Borja, auditor, at 664-4481; Monday through Friday, except holidays, from 7:30am to 11:30am and from 12:30pm to 4:30pm. **(PR)**

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Happy birthday greetings go out to Joan of Trends Salon, who is celebrating her birthday today, Nov. 3, 2016. Hope you enjoy your special day. Greetings come from your friends.

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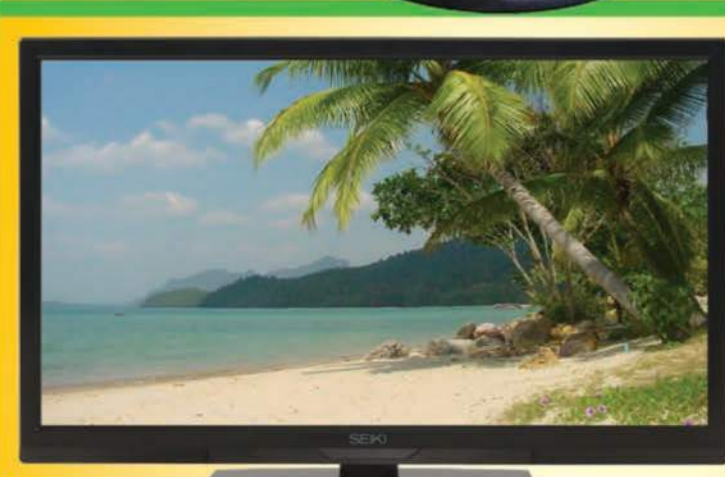


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Business

The election impact: How consumers are reacting

NEW YORK (AP)—Americans have been anxious about the contentious presidential election, and when they get fretful, they tend to stop shopping.

While government reports show overall spending has held up, some analysts say they're seeing signs that shoppers are being cautious. A dip is normal before an election, but the question this year is whether the uncertainty could drag on after election day and cut into holiday buying.

Retailers are hoping an improving job market and wage gains will get Americans in the mood to spend.

"There's going to be election noise," Target's CEO Brian Cornell has said. "We've all looked at it and talked about it. But we are entering a holiday season with a consumer who is feeling good about the state of play."

Here's a look at where things stand and what could be ahead after Nov. 8:



In this Oct. 17, 2012 photo, a sign advertising a sale is seen posted on a storefront in Philadelphia. It's no secret that Americans have been a bit anxious about the contentious president election between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton.

Q. What usually happens before a presidential election?

A. Shoppers traditionally pull back ahead of the election

as they become distracted.

"Everywhere you turn—whether you're picking up a newspaper or watching television—political advertisements

are taking up ad space that retailers typically use to get holiday shopping on the minds of consumers across the country," said Matthew Shay, presi-

New York puts UPS' culture on trial in \$873M cigarette case

NEW YORK (AP)—UPS was supposed to be looking for clues its brown trucks were being used to illegally transport untaxed cigarettes from upstate Indian reservations to customers throughout the state, but instead it turned a blind eye, say regulators, who've asked a judge to impose an \$873 million penalty on it.

Over an eight-day federal civil trial headed for closing arguments Wednesday, city and state officials have argued that Atlanta-based

United Parcel Service Inc., the nation's largest delivery company, had a corporate culture that favored sales opportunities over a responsibility to help New York enforce tax law.

Tobacco retailers located on upstate reservations were given price discounts for shipping in volume. Delivery drivers were allowed to accept iPads and other gifts from shippers. Account executives, whose compensation was tied to keeping big accounts, ignored signs that some custom-

ers signing delivery contracts dealt in cigarettes.

One UPS customer, Seneca Promotions, operated from the same single-family home near Lake Erie as a well-known cigarette shipper, Native Wholesale Supply, and was sending tens of thousands of pounds of packages to businesses with names such as Tobaccoville and Tobacco Town, according to records filed in the court case.

"UPS must be held accountable," lawyers for New York City and New York state wrote

last month in a brief outlining what they said was a decade of misconduct. "It has inflicted widespread injury to the public health ... by willfully blinding itself to known criminal activity."

UPS says it followed the rules and can only do so much to police what its 1.6 million daily shippers send in sealed packages. In its legal filings, its lawyers said the city and state have offered no proof it "knew or consciously avoided knowing that any shipper was shipping cigarettes."

dent and CEO of the National Retail Federation, the nation's largest retail trade group.

But buying usually bounces back afterward. In the 2012 and 2004 presidential elections, year-over-year sales growth slowed an average of 22 percent in September and October, from the January through August period, but rebounded an average of 16 percent in November and December, according to AlixPartners. The consulting group excluded the 2008 presidential election because the ballooning financial crisis that led to a precipitous drop in spending made it an outlier. Its figures exclude sales of cars and auto parts and from gas stations and restaurants and are based on an analysis of Commerce Department figures.

Q. What about 2000, when the Al Gore- George W. Bush race wasn't decided until Dec. 12?

A. Sales didn't recover as usual because of unprecedented uncertainty about the winner through most of the holiday season, says Noam

Paransky, director of the retail practice at AlixPartners.

Year-over-year sales growth slowed 10.2 percent in September and October of that year, from the January through August period. And for November and December, it was 30.4 percent slower growth. However, retail sales were still growing through the period.

Q. What's been the trend this year?

A. Consumer confidence has slipped a bit, but spending generally held up through September as income gains and an improving job market offset some of the uncertainty, according to the most current government reports.

Year-over-year growth in retail sales slowed 19.8 percent in September compared with the year so far, according to an analysis by AlixPartners. The government hasn't released sales yet for October. But a report from the Conference Board said consumer confidence pulled back in October, after reaching a 20-month high in September. That dip was in line with the University of Michigan survey.

China's Geely, Volvo beef up strategy with new brand, plant

SHANGHAI (AP)—Volvo Cars and its Chinese owner are revving up their profile as they focus on selling premium cars in world markets.

The companies announced a strategy Wednesday that includes a new factory to make vehicles based on a new shared platform, including vehicles for Geely's new "connected car" brand, Lynk & Co.

Volvo also said it will shift some production of its upscale sedan line from Europe to one of its existing factories in northeast China, from where they'll be exported globally.

It's part of Volvo Cars' efforts to step up competition with other luxury car brands both globally and within China, the world's No. 1 auto market, after it was bought by Zhejiang Geely Holdings in 2010.

The new plant will produce Volvo's new 40 series compacts based on its Compact Modular Architecture

platform, which will also be used for Lynk & Co. vehicles, a brand Geely launched last month.

The factory, currently under construction in Luqiao, 350 kilometers south of Shanghai, is owned by Geely but will be operated by Volvo.

The platform is one of just two underpinning Volvo's entire lineup. They give the company flexibility to build a wide range of vehicle sizes and body styles so that it can compete economically with bigger rivals.

Volvo also unveiled upgraded versions of its top-of-the-line S90 sedan, which will be built at its two-year-old plant in Daqing in China's northeastern Heilongjiang province.

Another Volvo factory in Chengdu in central Sichuan province produces midsize S60 cars, which the company started exporting last year to the United States in small numbers.

Newspaper deal falls apart as Gannett gives up on Tronc

NEW YORK (AP)—USA Today publisher Gannett walked away Tuesday from its attempted takeover of Tronc, the owner of the Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune and other major dailies.

Gannett's target was elusive from the beginning, with a publicly contentious back-and-forth between the two companies. Tronc, formerly known as Tribune Publishing, had rejected at least two bids from Gannett since April, saying it preferred to go it alone

and focus on tech-driven initiatives involving artificial intelligence and global expansion in entertainment news and video.

Tronc's stock lost more than 12 percent Tuesday.

After the stock market's close, Tronc reported third-quarter results showing its revenue declined in both its traditional and digital businesses. But it kept its sales guidance for the year and raised a profit forecast.

Newspapers' print ad rev-

enues have been falling for years, and growth in digital ads and online-only subscriptions has not been enough to offset that. Gannett has dealt with the decline by snapping up newspaper companies so it could sell more ads and then cutting jobs, and it wanted to combine with Tronc to add to its heft.

Gannett is now the largest newspaper company in the U.S. by paid circulation, according to Dirks, Van Essen & Murray, a firm that helps

newspapers with merger transactions; Tronc is No. 3. In addition to USA Today, Gannett owns the Detroit Free Press, the Arizona Republic and dozens of other smaller newspapers across the country.

But the merger was not to be. Tronc said Tuesday that it reached an agreement on price in mid-September, but it didn't say how much. The last publicly rejected offer was for \$864 million, including about \$385 million in debt.



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British Pound	0.8164
Canadian Dollar	1.3395
Chinese Yuan	6.7652
Euro	0.9034

Hong Kong Dollar	7.7548	Philippine Peso	48.43
Indian Rupee	66.8325	Singapore Dollar	1.3897
Indonesian Rupiah	13054	South Korean Won	1148.6
Japanese Yen	103.887	Swiss Franc	0.9737
Malaysian Ringgit	4.1925	Taiwan Dollar	31.573
New Zealand Dollar	1.3832	Thailand Baht	35.03

Nation

Clinton, Trump warn of dire consequences if rival wins

DADE CITY, Fla. (AP)—Donald Trump could draw the United States into nuclear war, Hillary Clinton warns. Clinton would plunge the country into a constitutional crisis, he says.

As the caustic presidential race lurches toward the finish line, each candidate is aggressively casting the other as a catastrophic choice for the White House. Making an affirmative case about their own qualifications and vision has become a secondary priority.

It's an ugly conclusion to a contest featuring two of the most unpopular presidential candidates in modern American politics. The sexual assault accusations that have trailed Trump in the race's closing weeks and a new FBI review into Clinton's email habits seem likely to only reinforce the public's negative perceptions, leaving the candidates to essentially argue to voters that they're the best of two unappealing options.

"I would rather be here talking about nearly anything else," Clinton said Tuesday during a rally in Florida where she leveled a series of attacks on Trump's character and preparedness for the White House. "But I can't just talk

about all of the good things we want to do."

Indeed, Clinton's speeches in this final full week of campaigning have overwhelmingly focused on Trump. On Monday, she warned against giving Trump the authority to order a nuclear attack, bringing along a former nuclear launch officer to bolster her point.

"Imagine his advisers afraid to tell him what he doesn't want to hear, racing against his legendarily short attention span to lay out life-and-death choices too complex to be reduced to a single tweet," Clinton said Monday in Ohio. "Then imagine him plunging us into a war because somebody got under his very thin skin."

After spending much of the summer and fall tearing Trump down, Clinton had planned to close the campaign on a more positive note. She talked about giving Americans something to vote for, not just against. And with public opinion polls showing her with solid leads in most battleground states, she started talking about healing divisions and unifying the country after the election.

But her advisers say they saw polls tighten even before



the FBI launched its new email review. The campaign now believes she needs to make a last push to define Trump as an unacceptable choice in order

to seal the deal with persuadable voters.

On Tuesday, Clinton focused on Trump's demeaning and predatory comments

about women, calling him a "bully." This time she brought with her former Miss Universe Alicia Machado. Trump criticized Machado for gaining

AP
Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton takes the stage with Alicia Machado, who won the Miss Universe pageant in 1996, to speak at a campaign rally at Pasco-Hernando State College in Dade City, Fla., Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016.

weight after winning the 1996 contest.

Trump's campaign rhetoric has always been dark, full of searing depictions of a crumbling nation, and he has not been shy about going negative on Clinton. He routinely calls her "Crooked Hillary" and "the most corrupt person ever to run for the White House."

But Trump, too, has stepped up his broadsides after the last weeks of October handed him a pair of potentially potent political gifts: the projected "Obamacare" premium rate hike and FBI Director James Comey's letter revealing that agents are reviewing emails that may be connected to Clinton's private server.

If Clinton wins, more in GOP say no to 9 on Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court has existed with its full complement of nine justices for close to 150 years, no matter who occupied the White House. Now some Republican lawmakers suggest they would be fine with just eight for four years more rather than have Hillary Clinton fill the vacancy.

The court has operated with eight justices for the past eight months as Republicans controlling the Senate have blocked confirmation hearings for President Barack Obama's nominee Merrick Garland. Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and his GOP

colleagues have insisted that American voters should have a say, choosing the next president in Tuesday's election. The 45th president—either Democrat Hillary Clinton or Republican Donald Trump—would fill the current vacancy created when Justice Antonin Scalia died in February.

But several Republicans have said if the voters elect Clinton, they'll block her nominees, effectively abandoning their advice and consent role for her entire term.

"If Hillary Clinton becomes president, I am going to do everything I can do to make sure four years from

now, we still got an opening on the Supreme Court," North Carolina Sen. Richard Burr said in an audio recording of his meeting with GOP volunteers on Saturday. CNN obtained a copy of the audio.

GOP Sens. John McCain of Arizona and Ted Cruz of Texas have also suggested blocking any Clinton nominees. Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., said in a debate Monday night that he "can't imagine" voting for any Clinton nominee though he stopped short of vowing to block a pick from a Democratic president.

McConnell says simply the next president will make the

nomination to fill the current vacancy.

The size of the court is set by federal law and has changed over the years, but has been nine justices since 1869.

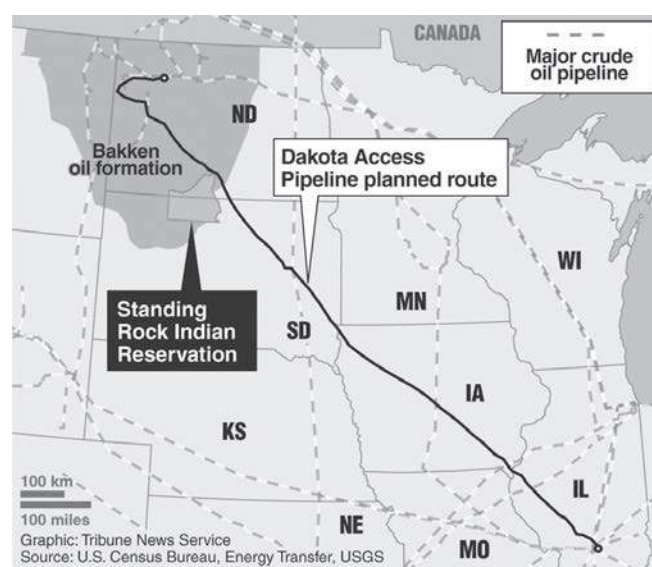
When vacancies arise, they usually are filled within months, if not weeks. But there have twice been stretches of more than two years where the court was one justice short. Another six vacancies lasted more than a year. The most recent was in 1969 and 1970, when Justice Abe Fortas resigned and the Senate rejected two of President Richard Nixon's nominees before confirming Justice Harry Blackmun.

North Dakota officials borrow \$4M, slam feds on protest cost

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP)—North Dakota leaders agreed Tuesday to borrow an additional \$4 million to cover the escalating costs of policing protests at the Dakota Access pipeline and slammed the federal government for not chipping in part of the funding.

The state has now run up a \$10 million line of credit for law enforcement costs after an emergency spending panel headed by Gov. Jack Dalrymple voted to borrow the additional funds from the state-owned Bank of North Dakota.

Dalrymple said officials have asked for contributions from the federal government, the pipeline company, an American Indian tribe, "and any entity we can think of." So



far, North Dakota and the local governments it backs have shouldered most of the law enforcement expenses—even

paying for officers from other states that have assisted North Dakota during the protests.

More than 400 people have

been arrested since August at the North Dakota portion of the pipeline, which also crosses through South Dakota, Iowa and Illinois. American Indians and others who oppose the construction of Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners' \$3.8 billion pipeline have set up an encampment on U.S. Army Corp of Engineers land without a permit; federal officials have said they wouldn't evict them due to free speech reasons. Opponents worry about potential effects on drinking water on the Standing Rock Sioux tribe's reservation and farther downstream on the Missouri River, as well as destruction of cultural artifacts, including burial sites.

ACROSS THE NATION

Both bus drivers among 6 killed in 2-bus Baltimore crash

BALTIMORE (AP)—A school bus was blocks away from its first stop Tuesday morning when it hit a cemetery wall, rear-ended a car and then ricocheted off a roadside pillar into an oncoming commuter bus. The pre-dawn accident killed six people and injured 10, authorities said. There were virtually no skid marks at the crash scene, suggesting no braking by the 67-year-old school bus driver, who was killed, and leading to what Baltimore police spokesman T.J. Smith called a working theory that he had suffered some sort of medical emergency. The 33-year-old female driver of the Maryland Transit Administration bus also died at the scene, along with four of her 12 passengers, Smith said. "This was a grueling and gruesome process of removing bodies," he said. The only other occupant of the school bus, an aide, suffered minor injuries, Smith said. The car driver also survived with minor injuries. All eight of the surviving commuter bus riders were hurt, two of them critically, he said.

Video shows police firing at Oklahoma fugitive during chase

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—A state trooper fired dozens of rounds from an automatic rifle through the windshield of his cruiser at a fugitive as the two sped down a rural western Oklahoma roadway in a dramatic shootout depicted on videos released on Tuesday. The fierce gun battle late Sunday between troopers and 38-year-old Michael Dale Vance Jr. was captured on videos from two dashboard-mounted cameras in patrol cars and from a helicopter that was following the chase overhead. Vance, wanted for the killings of two relatives and the shootings of three law enforcement officers, was killed in the shootout on a county road near the town of Leedey, about 130 miles northwest of Oklahoma City. "Michael Vance was our worst-case scenario," said Michael Thompson, Oklahoma's commissioner of public safety. "He was a determined, violent criminal with no regard for public safety, no regard for public life, and he had nothing to lose."

Asia

S. Korean president replaces premier, others amid scandal

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea's embattled president replaced her prime minister and two other top officials on Wednesday in a bid to restore public confidence amid a political scandal involving her longtime friend.

The reshuffles came as prosecutors are investigating whether a personal friend of Park's with no government job used her ties with the president to pull government strings from the shadows and pushed businesses to donate money to foundations she controlled. Prosecutors are expected to seek an arrest warrant for the friend, Choi Soon-sil, later Wednesday.

Park acknowledged last week Choi had edited some of her speeches and provided public relations help. South Korean media speculate Choi likely played a much larger role in government affairs.

Park's office said Wednesday



day she nominated Kim Byong-joon, a former top policy adviser for late liberal President Roh Moo-hyun, as her new prime minister.

The nomination, which requires parliamentary approval, is seen as an effort by the conservative Park to reach out to liberals for bipartisan support

amid the scandal that has already forced her to fire eight presidential aides. The two other Cabinet jobs that Park reshuffled were the finance

South Korean protesters wearing masks of South Korean President Park Geun-hye, right, and Choi Soon-sil, who is at the center of a political scandal, attend a rally calling for Park to step down in downtown Seoul, South Korea, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016.

minister and safety minister, and their nominations aren't subject to parliamentary endorsement though they must undergo hearings at the National Assembly.

South Korea's main opposition Democratic Party immediately criticized Park's reshuffles, saying it's an attempt to divert attention from the scandal. It said Park must reveal the whole truth about her ties with Choi and the scandal.

Latest public surveys put Park's approval rating at about 10 percent, the lowest since her inauguration in February 2013. The surveys showed about half of respondents

think Park should resign or be impeached by lawmakers. Thousands of people rallied in Seoul over the weekend, demanding Park's resignation.

South Korea's executive power is concentrated in the president, but the prime minister, the No.2 government post, leads the country if the president becomes incapacitated.

Choi has been close to Park since Choi's father, the leader of a religious cult, gained Park's trust by reportedly convincing her that he could communicate with her assassinated mother. Choi's father denied that in a 1990 media interview.

Park has already long been criticized for an aloof manner and for relying on only a few longtime confidantes. That she may have been outsourcing sensitive decisions to someone outside of government, and someone connected with a murky, lurid backstory, has incensed many.

New MH370 analysis suggests no one at controls during crash

SYDNEY (AP)—A fresh analysis of the final moments of doomed Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 suggests no one was controlling the plane when it plunged into the ocean, according to a report released by investigators on Wednesday, as experts hunting for the aircraft gathered in Australia's capital to discuss the fading search effort.

A technical report released by the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, which leads the search, seems to support the theory investigators have long favored: that no one was at the controls of the Boeing 777 when it ran out of fuel and dove at high speed into a remote patch of the Indian Ocean off western Australia in 2014.

In recent months, critics

have increasingly been pushing the alternate theory that someone was still controlling the plane at the end of its flight. If that was the case, the aircraft could have glided much farther, tripling in size the possible area where it could have crashed and further complicating the already hugely complex effort to find it.

But Wednesday's report shows that the latest analysis of satellite data is consistent with the plane being in a "high and increasing rate of descent" in its final moments. The report also said that an analysis of a wing flap that washed ashore in Tanzania indicates the flap was likely not deployed when it broke off the plane. A pilot would typically extend the flaps during a controlled ditching.

Peter Foley, the bureau's director of Flight 370 search operations, has previously said that if the flap was not deployed, it would almost certainly rule out the theory that the plane entered the water in a controlled ditch and would effectively validate that searchers are looking in the right place for the wreckage.

"(It) means the aircraft wasn't configured for a landing or a ditching—you can draw your own conclusions as to whether that means someone was in control," Foley told reporters in Canberra on Wednesday. "You can never be 100 percent. We are very reluctant to express absolute certainty."

The report's release comes as a team of international and Australian experts begin a

three-day summit in Canberra to re-examine all the data associated with the hunt for the plane, which vanished during a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing on March 8, 2014, with 239 people on board.

More than 20 items of debris suspected or confirmed to be from the plane have washed ashore on coastlines throughout the Indian Ocean. But a deep-sea sonar search for the main underwater wreckage has found nothing. Crews are expected to complete their sweep of the 120,000-square kilometer (46,000-square mile) search zone by early next year and officials have said there are no plans to extend the hunt unless new evidence emerges that would pinpoint a specific location of the aircraft.

Duterte eyes joint operations with Malaysia vs Abu Sayyaf

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte will discuss possible joint military and police operations with Malaysia to quell Abu Sayyaf militant kidnappings of sailors along the countries' sea border, saying that the brazen attacks have paralyzed trade and commerce.

Addressing the "deteriorating peace and order" in those waters will top the agenda when Duterte meets Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak and other top officials in Malaysia next week, Duterte told reporters late Tuesday.

Duterte said the attacks embarrassed him because the Abu Sayyaf perpetrators are

based in the southern Philippine island of Jolo, an impoverished, jungle-clad region where the militants hold their hostages for ransom.

"There is a need for us, the three countries Malaysia, Philippines and Indonesia, to talk about this seriously and to put a stop because it has somehow paralyzed the trade and commerce in that area," Duterte said.

He said his talks will cover border control, border crossing, "and, maybe, joint military and police operations."

During a recent visit to Indonesia, Duterte said he discussed possible security strategies with President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo and the In-

donesia leader was "OK with everything." Duterte did not specify the security steps.

Despite initial talks by the three countries about ratcheting up security, Abu Sayyaf gunmen and allied militants — part of a wider Muslim rebellion that has been raging in the predominantly Roman Catholic nation for decades — have continued attacks at sea this year, kidnapping Malaysian and Indonesian crewmen of slow-moving tugboats mostly pulling coal barges.

The security talks are complicated and tricky because the Philippines and Malaysia have had territorial issues and questions have arisen, for example, how far Malaysian authorities

chasing fleeing militants can go as they approach Philippine territory. In initial talks, the countries have considered establishing a more secure sea lane for commercial vessels as well as coordinated law enforcement actions, including sea and air patrols.

Indonesia has restricted coal shipments to the Philippines because of the danger. Although most of the vessels attacked were tugboats, which are easy to board, the militants attacked an ocean-going South Korean cargo ship for the first time about two weeks ago off southern Tawi Tawi province, near Sulu, abducting its South Korean skipper and a Filipino crewman.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Rescuers say all 33 miners trapped in China mine found dead

BEIJING (AP)—All 33 coal miners trapped underground in a gas explosion earlier this week have been found dead, state media reported Wednesday, as work safety officials vowed to punish those responsible. Two miners survived Monday's explosion but rescuers working around the clock found no others alive. All bodies have been recovered and rescuers were shown bowing their heads in memorial for the dead. Gas explosions inside mines are often caused when a flame or electrical spark ignites gas leaking from the coal seam. Ventilation systems are supposed to prevent gas from becoming trapped. The State Administration of Work Safety ordered an investigation into the blast, "adding that those responsible must be strictly punished." Local officials in Chongqing also ordered smaller mines to shut down temporarily, Xinhua said.

Vietnam seizes 446 kilograms of ivory smuggled from Nigeria

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—Vietnamese authorities have seized 446 kilograms (981 pounds) of ivory illegally shipped from Nigeria after finding 3.5 tons at the same port last month, an official

said Wednesday. The ivory seized Tuesday had been hidden in timber in a container at Cat Lai port in the southern commercial hub of Ho Chi Minh City, Customs official Le Dinh Loi said. Authorities seized 3.5 tons of ivory in three shipments smuggled from Africa at the same port last month. State media say 1 ton of ivory costs \$1.8 million on the black market. Vietnam will host an international conference on illegal wildlife trade in Hanoi later this month that is expected to be attended by Britain's Prince William, a vocal critic of the trade.

EU delegation urges Sri Lanka to improve human rights

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—The leader of a delegation from the European Parliament urged Sri Lanka on Tuesday to improve its human rights conditions, including the replacement of a tough anti-terrorism law, if it wants to regain lucrative EU trade concessions which the island nation lost six years ago. Jean Lambert said the success of Sri Lanka's application to get back the trade concessions depends on meeting human rights requirements set by the EU. She said Sri Lanka needs to replace its Prevention of Terrorism Act and amend its Code of Criminal Procedure to ensure the rights of detainees in keeping with international standards.

World

Nicaragua president's running mate: his wife

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP)—On bright-pink billboards across the Nicaraguan capital, President Daniel Ortega looms triumphantly over motorists ahead of next Sunday's vote, where he's considered a shoo-in.

He's almost never alone in those ads: Accompanying Ortega is the smiling visage of his first lady, spokeswoman and now running mate, Rosario Murillo.

"That woman is the one who rules in the country. She is powerful," said fruit vendor Roberto Mayorga. "If 'the man' dies, she'll be there. She has been his shadow. There is nobody who can keep her from being next."

Murillo has taken on ever greater responsibility during the last decade that her husband has been in office. She is said to run Cabinet meetings and many Nicaraguans credit her for social programs that have helped keep the ruling Sandinista party's popularity ratings high.

Murillo is beloved by many poor Nicaraguans and Sandinista faithful, consistently polling around 70 percent approval. And she's equally reviled by

government opponents, who see her presence on the ticket as another step in the 70-year-old Ortega's push to maintain the couple's grip on power in a country with a long and uncomfortable history of dynastic families.

"She's already been involved in the main decisions affecting the country and advising the president. So now she's just getting the appropriate title to go along with that," said Michael Allison, a political scientist at the University of Scranton.

"The Ortegas really seem to be intent on increasing the family's control over much of Nicaraguan political, social and economic life ..." he added. "And so this would be a way to really guarantee that should something happen to him, the family control over Nicaraguan politics will continue."

Murillo, 65, was born in Managua in 1951 and obtained diplomas in English and French while studying in Britain and Switzerland. In the 1970s she began publishing poetry, worked at a newspaper and co-founded a cultural group opposed to

Russians unconcerned by Kremlin's saber-rattling

BALTIYSK, Russia (AP)—Russia held civil defense drills involving 40 million people last month, the largest since the collapse of the Soviet Union. State media broadcast instantly recognizable Soviet imagery, showing school children trying on gas masks, and urge viewers to find the nearest bomb shelter "before it's too late."

But while these reports fuel Western fears of a new Cold War, ordinary Russians don't seem too worried.

Even in Kaliningrad, a heavily militarized Russian outpost surrounded by NATO members Lithuania and Poland, people see the messages as mere posturing.

The harbor of Baltiysk, home of Russia's Baltic Fleet, is downright sleepy. On a recent morning, fisherman lounged by the pier as sailors put a fresh coat of paint on a missile ship across the bay.

"It's laughable because no one here is planning to attack anyone," said Olga Zyukina, feeding swans with her 16-month-old son. "I think our president is smart and he has no need to give such orders."

NATO held a high-profile summit in nearby Poland in July, and the Western alliance's troops are building up positions in Poland, Estonia,

Latvia and Lithuania as tensions with Russia escalate. The United States is sending 1,000 troops to Poland next year, and its concerns about an unwanted confrontation with Russia have played heavily into President Barack Obama's reluctance to engage militarily in Syria's civil war.

In an interview published Tuesday with the Guardian newspaper, the chief of British spy agency MI5 said Russia is an increasing danger to the West.

"It is using its whole range of state organs and powers to push its foreign policy abroad in increasingly aggressive ways—involving propaganda, espionage, subversion and cyber-attacks," Andrew Parker said, adding: "It is MI5's job to get in the way of that."

Russia, for its part, held a flurry of Baltic Fleet exercises this year, with marines practicing landings, ships firing surface-to-air missiles, fighter jets dropping bombs and troops capturing saboteur divers. Last month, Moscow sent nuclear-capable Iskander missile units to Kaliningrad. With an estimated range of 500 kilometers (300 miles), the missiles could reach the Baltic states, most of Poland and southern Sweden.



In this July 3, 2016 file photo Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega, right, and first lady Rosario Murillo, wave to supporters during an event commemorating the 36th anniversary of the Sandinista National Liberation Front withdrawal to Masaya, in Managua, Nicaragua.

the dictatorship of Anastasio Somoza. She met Ortega during the revolution, and they fell in love while in exile. She returned home when Somoza was toppled.

During the first Sandinista governments from 1980 to 1990, she was a newspaper culture editor, head of the Sandinista Cultural Workers' Association, a lawmaker and head of the country's Institute of Culture.

Iraqi forces edge into Mosul, major urban warfare lies ahead

BAZWAYA, Iraq (AP)—Iraq's special forces fought their way into the outskirts of Mosul on Tuesday, taking its state television building despite resistance by Islamic State group fighters that is only likely to stiffen when combat reaches the inner city.

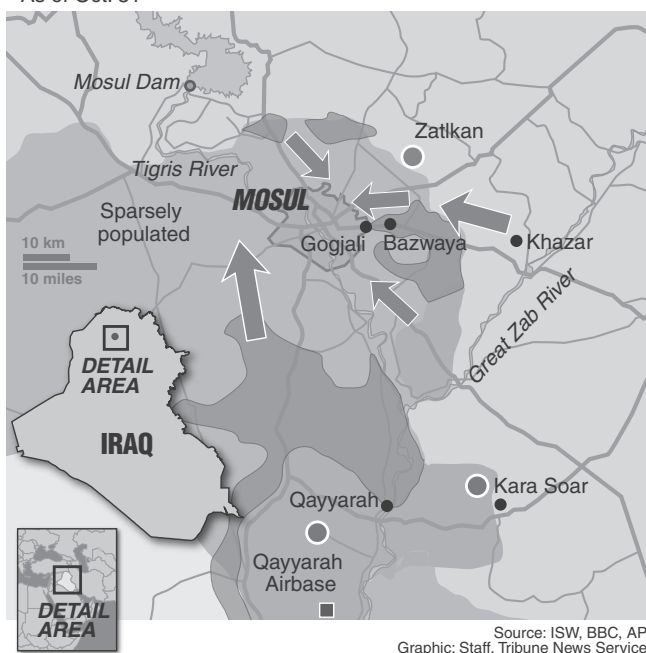
It was the first time Iraqi troops have set foot in the city, Iraq's second-largest, in more than two years. The advance was the start of what is likely to be a grueling and slow operation for the forces as they fend off booby traps and ambushes in difficult, house-to-house fighting expected to take weeks, if not months.

Troops entered Gogjali, a neighborhood inside Mosul's city limits, and later the outskirts of the more built-up Karama district, according to Maj. Gen. Sami al-Aridi of the Iraqi special forces. As the sun went down, a sandstorm blew in, reducing visibility to only 100 meters (yards) and bringing the day's combat to an end.

"Daesh is fighting back and have set up concrete blast

The fight for Mosul

■ Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) ■ Ground gained since Oct. 18 ■ Kurdish control ■ Militant control
● U.S. bases ● Turkish base ← Attack direction
*As of Oct. 31



walls to block off the Karama neighborhood and our troops' advance," al-Aridi said, using the Arabic acronym for the

Islamic State group. He said bombs have been laid along the road into the city.

Later, al-Aridi said the

troops had taken the state television building, the only one in the province, and that heavy fighting broke out when they tried to continue further into built-up areas. An official casualty report was not given, but officers mentioned one dead and one wounded.

Mosul is the last major IS stronghold in Iraq, the city from which it drove out a larger but demoralized Iraqi army in 2014 and declared a "caliphate" that stretched into Syria. Its loss would be a major defeat for the jihadis, but with the closest Iraqi troops still some 10 kilometers (six miles) from the city center, much ground remains to be covered.

Tuesday's battle opened with Iraqi artillery, tank and machine gun fire on IS positions on the edge of Gogjali, with the extremists responding with guided anti-tank missiles and small arms in an attempt to block the advance. Airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition supporting the operation added to the fire hitting the district.

'We've returned to the stone age': Quake levels Italian town

CASTELLUCCIO DI NORCIA, Italy (AP)—Some houses are collapsed outright, pancaked piles of stones and plaster. A pair of skis stick out. Some are cracked open neatly, exposing living rooms frozen in time.

The central Italian mountain village of Castelluccio di Norcia, among the most heavily hit by Sunday's earthquake, is known for the beautiful blossoms of its lentil fields and its historic charm. Now it's a ghost town.

With the roads cut off, almost all of the 300 inhabitants

were evacuated by helicopter. They all survived after an earlier quake in August prompted them to move into safer housing like camper vans or containers.

But a small group of 13 hardy souls refuses to leave. Mostly farmers, they want to stay close to their cattle, sheep and horses—their livelihood, without which they would truly have nothing left to come back for.

"Practically we've returned to the stone age," said Augusto Coccia, 65.

He was among the farmers housed in containers in the

town square, eating breakfast, when the earthquake struck. It bounced the containers about and filled the air with a thick fog of dust.

The 6.6-magnitude tremor, the country's most powerful in 36 years, pulled down buildings and historic churches in villages across the Appenine mountains. In Castelluccio, the ground is now as much as 70 centimeters (two feet) lower, according to the national geophysics institute.

This town's plight was worsened by the fact that the

roads were cut off. Rescue helicopters brought in the bare necessities—food and water—on Sunday but little else.

Coccia and the others who stayed behind cook under the open sky with gas canisters. They have no heating, electricity or constant water supply. The temperature drops to as low as minus 6 Celsius (20 Fahrenheit) at night.

"The medical supplies were delivered to us today. It's been three days since we requested them but it's very hard to get them to us," he said.

Environment

We've lost more than half the world's wildlife since 1970

Wildlife populations around the world have declined by more than half since the 1970s, with elephants, wolves and salamanders among the creatures affected, and human activity is largely to blame, a new environmental report warns.

The numbers of mammals, birds and fish fell an average of 58 percent between 1970 and 2012, the World Wildlife Federation (WWF) and the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) said in *The Living Planet* report published Thursday.

Ken Norris, director of science at ZSL, said human behavior continues to drive the decline, particularly in freshwater habitats.

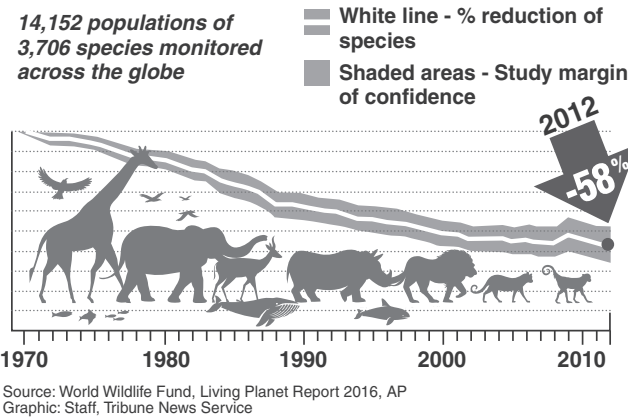
Specifically, issues such as farming, fishing, poaching, wildlife trafficking, mining, climate change and pollution are pushing wildlife "to the edge," the report said.

"Importantly, however, these are declines — they are not yet extinctions — and this should be a wake-up call to marshal efforts to promote the recovery of these populations," Norris said.

Wildlife populations could

Disappearing wildlife

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decline by 67 percent compared to 1970 by the end of the decade if nothing is done, the report said.

"For decades scientists have been warning that human actions are pushing life on our shared planet toward a sixth mass extinction. Evidence in this year's Living Planet Report supports this," said Marco Lambertini, WWF director general.

"We are feeling the impact of a sick planet — from social, economic and climate stability to energy, food and water security — all increasingly suffering from environmental

degradation," he added.

Moving toward a more resilient planet would require a huge shift toward more sustainable, renewable energy and for people in rich nations to eat less animal protein and reduce waste, the report said.

Lambertini said there is evidence that things are beginning to change, noting global carbon dioxide emissions have stabilized over the past two years, but more needs to be done.

"Without action, the Earth will become much less hospitable for all of us," the report said. *(Jane Onyanga-Omara)*

By ANN M. SIMMONS
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Q&A: Actor dives into a tough challenge to help oceans

When business magnate and environmental activist Richard Branson challenged Adrian Grenier to a two-mile swim across the Strait of Messina between mainland Italy and Sicily, the actor-filmmaker was eager to comply.

The feat was intended to highlight the importance of ocean health, a key cause of Grenier's Lonely Whale Foundation, which works to bring people closer to the world's oceans through education and awareness, and champions the well-being of marine wildlife.

"We want to inspire empathy with people through connection, because if you can't connect you can't care, and the oceans have so much need for our attention and our compassion and our empathy," Grenier said.

Using the hashtag #MakeASplash to encourage people to share how much they appreciate the ocean, Grenier, 40, and Branson, 66, completed the swim Sept. 27 in 1 hour and 24 minutes.

The actor, best known for his role as Vincent Chase in the HBO series "Entourage," shared some of his views about the health of the ocean and its marine life with the *Los Angeles Times*. His comments have been edited for length and clarity.

Q: Why should people care about the ocean?

A: The oceans are fundamental to life. They create 50 percent of our oxygen. They provide food for billions of people. They are the source of all life. If you care about any other issue, you have to care about the oceans because the oceans affect every other issue.

They are the most underserved aspect of our environment and yet 70 percent of our planet is ocean and they are



Adrian Grenier at The Mana Contemporary Preview Dinner on December 1, 2015 at Mana Wynwood, Miami.

perhaps the most important aspect of our environment, because if we can replenish them to a healthy state they can provide food, oxygen. They can sequester carbon from the atmosphere ... and they provide a lot of spiritual and mental benefits. If anybody's ever gone to the beach and had a good time, that's a positive social benefit. If you've ever swam in the ocean and then felt rejuvenated, or if it's relieved your stress, that is a positive social benefit.

The reason why they're so underserved is because they're so misunderstood. They're

so vast and mysterious ... so abstract and complex, so one thing we're hoping to do is demystify the oceans and make them more accessible to people. And one of the ways you can do that is by actually getting in and realizing that they're not so scary.

Q: How do humans affect the ocean?

A: We certainly fish a lot. Because of industrial fishing practices, we've managed to fish 80 percent of the big fish out in the ocean. In the Strait of Messina where I just swam ... we've fished out 93 percent of fish in the Mediterra-

nean. We've also put a lot of plastic into the ocean. Plastic doesn't break down for a thousand years, so it subsists for many, many generations in the ocean. Because of overfishing and because of the increased plastic pollution, there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean in 25 years. It's a horrifying thought, but it's true.

Q: Tell us one thing we can do to protect the ocean?

A: First and foremost ... find a partner. Find somebody that you can work with to inspire each other, to hold each other accountable. We can't do it alone. We can't take the

weight of the world on our shoulders individually, but together we can actually make big differences.

Q: How was the swim?

A: Ocean swimming is very difficult. There are constantly changing conditions. There are a lot of physical challenges, and mental ones too. I look at ocean swimming as sort of the trifecta. It's mind, body and spirit. Before I started training, I could barely swim four strokes before I had to sit up and breathe normally, because you have to have a very meaningful relationship with your breath. There's a

meditative quality. The oceans are vast, deep, dark and often scary, and the visibility isn't always great, and the waves are strong, and the currents too. So there's a lot to overcome as a personal athlete.

When I first accepted the challenge, I didn't know how difficult it might be, but I quickly learned and over four months of concerted effort, I managed to get to a place where I could complete the swim, but it wasn't easy.

Q: Why was swimming the Messina Strait the way to get your message out?

A: It was twofold. It was a personal challenge to overcome, but (it was) also recognizing that it is possible to achieve things that are hard. When we look at what the oceans are facing, the obstacles of the environment, it sometimes feels overwhelming and daunting and we're scared and we lack motivation. But we can do it if we put in a little bit of effort every day. Just like I was able to achieve my personal challenge of swimming in the open ocean, we as a society can overcome the challenges facing the oceans and the environment if we make an effort.

Q: Did you #MakeASplash?

A: I'm proud to say we made a splash heard around the world. (We got) at least 65 million (social media) impressions the day of the event and several hundred since the beginning of the campaign. We wanted people to share with us why the ocean is important to them and talk about what we need to do to show that world that the oceans are important. And so what Richard and I did together was swim the Strait of Messina. I think it's important that we don't just talk, that we don't just hashtag and post, but also get active and get out there and get wet.

Life & Style

Marvel takes mind-bending turn with 'Doctor Strange'

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—When Doctor Strange was introduced into the Marvel comics in 1963, it was considered quite a departure from his wildly popular and comparatively conventional predecessors like Thor, Captain America and Spider-Man. Doctor Strange was psychedelic, hallucinogenic, weird and, most importantly, a bold step in a new and freeing direction for the comics.

It's not unlike the environment from which the new

"Doctor Strange" film, out Friday, is emerging. Starring Benedict Cumberbatch as the arrogant neurosurgeon turned mystical sorcerer, Disney, Marvel and everyone involved hopes that it's as mind-bending and disruptive as the Steve Ditko-imagined comic was at the time. There have been 13 films in the Marvel Cinematic Universe to date, but instead of going into autopilot for No. 14, "Doctor Strange" not only kicks the engine into hyper drive, but into a different di-



AP
This image released by Disney shows Benedict Cumberbatch in a scene from Marvel's "Doctor Strange."

wicked sense of humor," McAdams said.

"Doctor Strange" is the first big test of Cumberbatch's star power. He's got a rabidly devoted set of fans from starring in the BBC series "Sherlock," and he's earned the attention of the motion picture academy for his performance in "The Imitation Game," but he has yet to lead a major franchise. Still, the powers that be wanted him so much, they even delayed production and release so they could get him. (Cumberbatch was busy with "Hamlet").

"Will this make him a movie star? I think," Derrickson said. "The real question is: does an actor have a potential to be a movie star? Do they have it in them to be a movie star? That's not always about acting abilities. They just have a certain molecular density to their look and they have a certain vibrancy to their on-screen presence that pops for an audience. There's no question that he has that."

Cumberbatch is a little nervous, but mostly about how audiences are going to receive the film.

"I had a life before and I'll have a life after. Do I care? Of course I do. Because primarily because we put a lot of love and effort into it, business aside. And hopefully the business of it, like it does with the best stuff, reflects if it's done with good intentions."

mension as well.

"Audiences need new images and I think visual effects are used too often to just blow things up and do the same familiar kinds of stuff," said director Scott Derrickson. Best known for horror films like "Sinister" and "Deliver Us from Evil," Derrickson faced stiff competition for the job, but won out over the others with his clear vision and deep fan appreciation. He explained to Marvel Studios chief Kevin Feige that he wanted every set piece in the film to be the "weirdest" scene from any other Marvel film. It was what the studio was looking for, too.

"I was pleasantly surprised by how much it lined up with what they wanted," Derrickson said. "They know that the (Marvel Cinematic Universe) and comic book movies in general have to evolve or they're going to decline."

Derrickson and an army of artists, set designers, and vi-

sual effects specialists worked tirelessly to create a new visual language for the movie, bending time, space and cityscapes within recognizable scenes. The spectacle is in support of an origin story about Dr. Stephen Strange, whose life is upended after a traumatic accident that renders his hands unusable and effectively ends his career. He goes to Nepal to search for a cure and gets swept up by the magic he finds in a secretive group led by a mysteriously powerful woman known as The Ancient One (Tilda Swinton). They're battling dark forces, personified by "Hannibal" star Mads Mikkelsen, and can open up portals or turn the world into a mirror image of itself with a twist of the fingers. We told you it was trippy.

Swinton says it felt like being invited to join the circus, in a good way.

"It's like, 'Here are three ponies with plumes coming

out of their heads. Will you put on a tutu to work with them?' 'Yeah, I will! And do I get to play with a clown?' 'Yeah you do!' 'Do I get to play with a trapeze?' 'Yeah maybe in the sequel,'" Swinton said.

It was the playful nature of it that got Mikkelsen on board, too. A lifelong Bruce Lee fan and a former gymnast, the Danish actor was in as soon as Derrickson mentioned that "flying Kung fu" would be involved.

"I thought 'hey, I'm 51, I can do flying Kung fu,'" Mikkelsen said. "It's about time." He has the bruises to prove it.

Everyone was pushed to their limits in some way. Even Rachel McAdams, whose earth-bound character Christine, a nurse at the hospital, had a bit of green screen work to contend with for a fun set piece. She also got to see the amusing sight of Cumberbatch strung up on wires and flying around the room.

"He's so fun and he's got a

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Johnny Depp joins 'Fantastic Beasts' sequel

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Johnny Depp is about to enter a world of magic. The actor is set to be part of "Harry Potter" author J.K. Rowling's "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" in a secretive role according to a Warner Bros. representative Tuesday. Depp will appear in a cameo in the first film, which opens on Nov. 18, and have a bigger role alongside star Eddie Redmayne in the sequel in 2018. "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" is based on Rowling's book of the same name and set 60 years earlier than Harry Potter in 1926 New York. There are five films planned in the Warner Bros. franchise. Depp is no stranger to franchises, having led both the live-action "Alice" films and "The Pirates of the Caribbean," both for Disney.

Tony Bennett, Muppets set for Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

NEW YORK (AP)—Tony Bennett, Sarah McLachlan, De La Soul, "Muppets" Miss Piggy and Kermit the Frog and the cast of "Sesame Street" will be among the stars celebrating at Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. Macy's said Tuesday singers Kelsea Ballerini and Aloe Blacc, Christopher Jackson from the Broadway play "Hamilton" and Olympic gold medalists Laurie Hernandez, Claressa Shields and Michelle Carter also will participate in the 90th annual parade Nov. 24. The special will air at 9 a.m. EST on NBC's "Today" show. Former NHL players Adam Graves and Eric Lindros and U.S. Paralympic gold medalists Mikey Brannigan and Gianfranco Iannotta also are part of the lineup. Performers participating include Regina Spektor, Brett Eldredge, Fitz & the Tantrums, Maddie & Tae, Daya and Jacob Whitesides.

Change in the weather signals time to change alarm batteries

DEAR ABBY: Fall is here and as we prepare for a change in the weather, it's also the time we turn our clocks back an hour from daylight saving time. Something that everyone also needs to change could save their lives. That "something" is the battery inside household devices that many take for granted—smoke alarms, smoke detectors or carbon monoxide detectors.

In the U.S., three out of five home fire deaths are caused by fires in homes with no smoke alarms or WORKING smoke alarms. As a firefighter, I have seen these tragedies firsthand and believe it is my duty to make sure we lower this number. My mission is for no battery to go unchecked.

For the 29th consecutive year, Energizer and the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) are partnering to educate the public about fire safety by reminding consumers of the importance of checking and changing the batteries not only in smoke alarms, but also every device that helps keep us safe and relaxed in our homes.

Think about your smart thermostats, flashlights, home security systems and other critical devices. Many of them have a battery component that must be checked and changed in order to ensure home safety.

I cannot stress enough the importance of setting aside the few minutes it takes to ensure these devices are working. The IAFC also recommends REPLACING smoke alarms and car-

bon monoxide detectors every 10 years. Use the end of daylight saving time as a reminder to prioritize the safety of your home. This simple task protects your home and the people you cherish the most.

FIRE CHIEF JOHN D. SINCLAIR,
IAFC PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

DEAR CHIEF SINCLAIR: Thank you for the "timely" reminder to my readers. I urge all of them to learn more about the Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries program by visiting energizer.com/homesafety.

And buy your replacement batteries now, so you can install them on Nov. 6 when you turn your clocks back.

DEAR ABBY: I am dating a great guy I have known for 10 years. We dated on and off, but always remained friends. We were friends during my marriage, the birth of my daughter and my divorce.

We are now dating again. I would like things to work out because he is such a great friend and great person. My 9-year-old daughter adores him, too. The problem is, I'm still having a sexual relationship with my ex-husband. The sex is great and I don't want to stop, but I'm afraid it will come back to haunt me.

I have been involved one way or another with both of these

DEAR ABBY

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men since 2005. I'd like to just date the guy I am with, but our sex life isn't nearly as good as it is with my ex. I know I'm being selfish. What should I do?

DIVIDED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR DIVIDED: You may be divorced, but you are not free as long as you're having sex with your ex. Be as good a friend to the "great guy" as he has been to you and let him go so he can find a lady who values what he has to offer. Right now what you are doing is extremely unfair to HIM.

Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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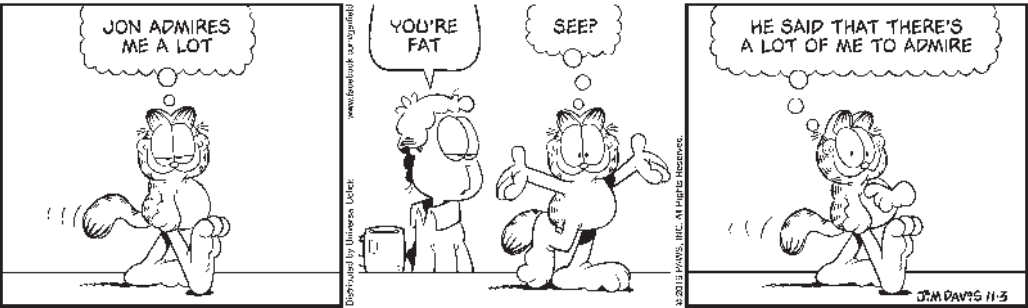
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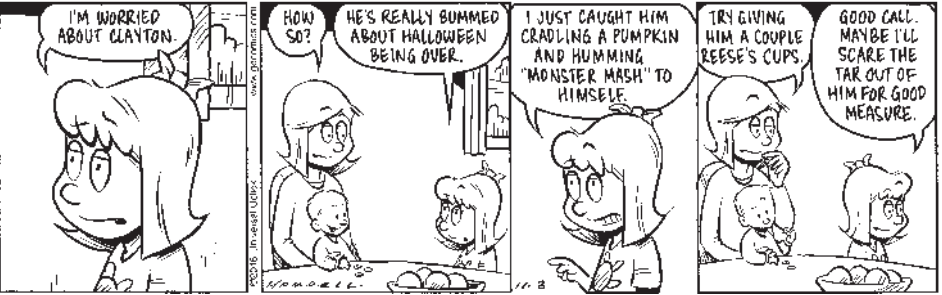
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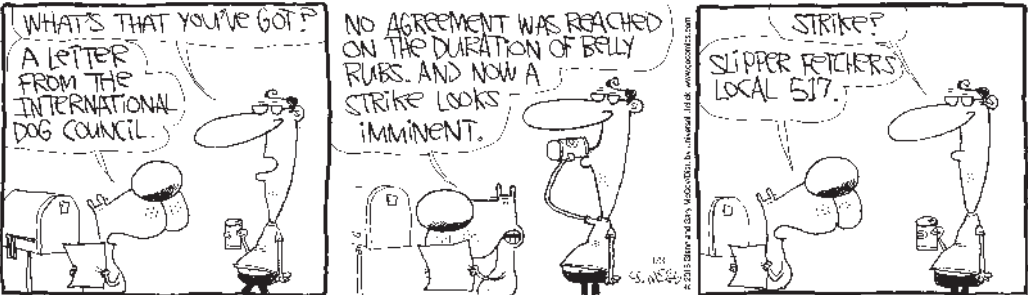
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 500 sheets

5 "It disappeared!"

9 Cartoon frame

12 Farm fraction

13 Waikiki locale

14 Coach Parseghian

15 Nebraska state flower

17 Soviet space station

18 Plaza Hotel girl

19 From Athens

21 Increase

22 Roulette spinner

24 Soccer star Mia

27 "O Sole —"

28 Huff and puff

31 — roll (winning)

32 100%

33 Hot temper

34 Jittery

DOWN

1 Fury

2 Earth sci.

3 Singer Guthrie

4 Seance figure

5 Corn recipe

6 Rowing tool

7 Discoverer's call

8 Goopy treat

9 Alabama state flower

10 A Great Lake

11 Songbird

16 Kreskin's claim

20 Yank's foe

22 Wonka of fiction

23 Sacred tool

25 Moreover

26 Mississippi state flower

27 Sail support

29 Bruins legend

30 Teeny

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41 Travel permit

42 Sorts

43 Smile broadly

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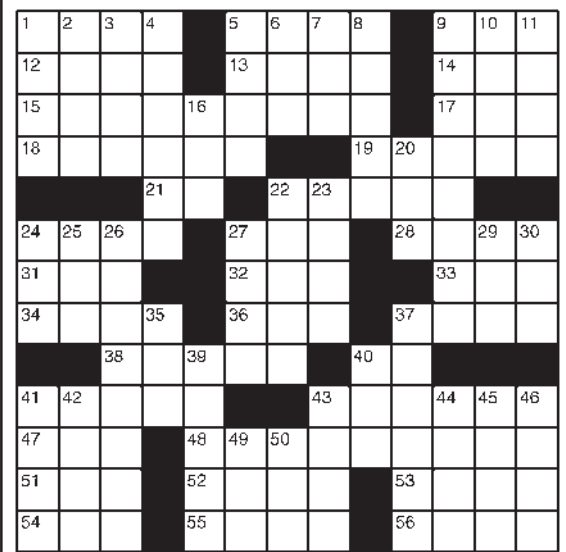
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49 MSN rival

50 Bearded beast

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Yesterday's answer 11-3



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Gemma Ward, 29; Colin Kaepernick, 29; Dolph Lundgren, 59; Roseanne, 64.

Happy Birthday: Make choices based on what's most important to you. Work and money will play an active role in your life this year. Changes will take place, and bidding for what you want will be successful. Welcome change instead of pushing it aside. Grasp the magnitude of what you can accomplish. Let your past experience be your passageway into the future. Your numbers are 7, 13, 16, 22, 31, 39, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Communication will be heightened, and creative input will help you bring about positive changes. Personal gains can be made and self-improvement projects will lead to compliments and romance. Try to be patient with yourself and others. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be secretive regarding legal, contractual or financial matters. You will have less interference if you get things done first and reveal what you are up to after the fact. A unique relationship will develop with someone you least expect. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A change will do you good, but don't act in haste. Take your time and mull over your options. A good choice will lead to new beginnings and greater stability, but a poor choice will cost you emotionally, financially and physically. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may be enticed to follow someone who makes an unexpected move. Assess what's go-

ing on and weigh the pros and cons before you make a commitment. Trying to do too much too quickly will lead to regret. Sit tight and see what unfolds. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Start something new. Make personal alterations that will improve your appearance, health and emotional well-being. Cultivate a skill that can help you make business or personal gains. Donations or joint ventures should be avoided. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep an open mind, but don't let anyone take advantage of you. Listen carefully and offer sound advice, but don't dirty your hands with someone else's mistakes. Networking should be where you put your time and energy if you want to get results. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep things in perspective when dealing with domestic and family matters. Anger will not solve problems, but patience and understanding will help you keep the peace. Structured activities will lead to finding new solutions. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): What you want to do for a living or pursue at this point in your life is doable if you are willing to make a couple of changes. Discuss your plans with the people your decisions will affect, and move forward confidently. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Use your persuasive skills to bring about the changes you want to see happen at home. Staying within your budget will be necessary if you don't want to face repercussions. Make detailed plans and stick to them. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Taking part in group travel or organizational events will be costly. Be careful not to offer something that will turn into a major task with extra costs attached. Stick to basics and avoid unpredictable people and situations. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Share memories with someone you haven't seen in a while. Catching up will lead to plans that will motivate you to make positive personal changes. A professional move will lead to a higher income. Love and romance are highlighted. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Direct your energy into working hard and getting ahead. Don't leave anything to chance. You will be judged by what you do, not the promises you make. A good job will result in greater financial opportunities. **

Birthday Baby: You are exciting, dynamic and popular. You are whimsical and unpredictable.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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EMERITA SISON YAP YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is _____ as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint. Dated this 12th day of October, 2016.

/s/ Clerk of Court

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB17-HSEM-020

SUBMISSION DATE: NOVEMBER 29, 2016 **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

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A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME.

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/s/ GERALD J. DELEON GUERRERO
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/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
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PUBLIC NOTICE

From the COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
of the CNMI'S DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

DATE: November 03, 2016

NOTICE: The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resource Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing a federal consistency determination from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding proposed “Parking Area Improvement Project at Garapan Fishing Base, Saipan”. As NMFS describes:

“The proposed activity would establish an 11-stall paved parking area and improved entry roadways to the parking area and community boat ramp. ... The project design includes drainage swales and ponding basins / raingardens that would slow and filter storm water runoff after the project is completed.”

Federal consistency is a provision of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) that requires federal actions that affect the coastal zone to be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of a coastal state's federally approved coastal management plan. More information on the proposed project and the federal consistency determination request can be found at DCRM's website: <http://ow.ly/s9hr305Liiz>

Comments on whether the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the CNMI's coastal management program can be submitted to the Division of Coastal Resource Management at erinderrington@becq.gov.mp.

This public notice has been published for compliance with 15 CFR § 930.42. DCRM is soliciting public comments for fifteen (15) days, starting on November 3, 2016 and ending on November 18, 2016 in order to give the public a sufficient opportunity to develop and provide comments on whether the proposed project is consistent with management program enforceable policies and still allow DCRM to issue its concurrence or objection within the sixty (60) day response period. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.

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BANK OF GUAM,

Plaintiff,

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Civil Action
No. 15-0192

NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgement made and entered in the above titled action on the 11th day of May, 2016, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgage Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **5th day of December, 2016 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgement, to wit:

Lot 001 G 18, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 G 02 the original of which was recorded 20 MAR 1986 as Document No. 86-0513 and also recorded 16 FEB 1989 as Document No. 89-0511 at the Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

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Cubs beat Indians, force Series to deciding Game 7

CLEVELAND (AP)—One more game. For everything.

Either a 108-year World Series championship drought will come to an end, or another that's lasted 68 years.

Hysteria for one fan base, more heartbreak for the other.

Cubs vs. Indians in a winner-take-all Game 7.

As it should be.

"It's just correct and apt that we'd go seven games," Chicago manager Joe Maddon said.

Addison Russell hit a grand slam and tied a Series record with six RBIs, and Chicago took advantage of a huge early misplay in Cleveland's outfield as the Cubs, their offense finally revving, throttled the Indians 9-3 on Tuesday night in Game 6 to push this tense tug-of-war between baseball's two longest title drought holders to the limit.

The biggest, most nerve-racking day lies ahead.

"This is kind of fitting for these two franchises. This is storybook," Cubs catcher David Ross said. "They'll make movies about this one day."

Indians ace Corey Kluber, dominant while winning Games 1 and 4, starts again on short rest Wednesday night at home against big league ERA leader Kyle Hendricks.

Cleveland's hopes will rest with their best pitcher, the one guy they've been able to count on all season.

"We knew it wasn't going to be easy," said Jason Kipnis, who homered and had three hits. "We knew they've got a great ballclub over there. They were lined up with their three-headed monster of a pitching



staff. We're still very confident."

Kris Bryant homered to spark a three-run first inning, Russell hit the first Series slam in 11 years and Jake Arrieta worked into the sixth as the Cubs, down 3-1 back at Wrigley Field, are now rolling. One more win at Progressive Field would bring their first championship since 1908.

The Indians, trying for their first title since 1948, missed a second shot at closing out the Cubs. Cleveland is now forced to play another Game 7 after losing in 11 innings to the Florida Marlins in 1997 in its last trip to the Series.

Not wanting to take any chances despite a comfort-

able late lead, Maddon used atomic-armed Aroldis Chapman for one out in the seventh, the eighth and one batter in the ninth. The lefty, who got the final eight outs in Game 5, threw just 20 pitches and will be on call for the season's final game when both managers won't hesitate to use any arm they've got.

The Cubbies, shut out twice earlier in this Series, brought their clubbies to Cleveland. Bryant had four hits and Anthony Rizzo added three, including a two-run homer.

They hammered Josh Tom-

lin, who couldn't get out of the third inning and didn't get any help from his outfield in the first. The right-hander, who was so effective in Game 3 at Wrigley Field, pitched on short rest for the second time in his career but wasn't the problem as much as his location.

Everything seemed to be lined up for a massive downtown street party in Cleveland.

On an unseasonably warm November day, fans came hoping to witness the first championship win at home by a Cleveland team since the Browns took the NFL title in

1964 by shutting out the Baltimore Colts.

With Eddie Robinson - the last living member from that '48 title team—in attendance, and LeBron James and the NBA champion Cavaliers coming over from Quicken Loans Arena after they beat Houston, Cleveland was poised to have a night to remember like the one just 134 days ago in June when the Cavs ended the city's 52-year championship dry spell.

The Cubs blew through those plans like a wicked wind off Lake Michigan.

Arrieta wasn't dominant, but he didn't have to be. Staked to the early lead, he

Arrieta keeps Indians in check as Cubs force Game 7

CLEVELAND (AP)—By the time Jake Arrieta threw his first pitch on Tuesday night, the Chicago Cubs were already in control of Game 6. By the time the reigning Cy Young winner gave up his first hit, a leadoff double in the fourth, the Cubs led by seven.

"I knew that was all we were going to need," Arrieta said.

And then some.

Keeping the Cleveland Indians off balance for 5 2/3 innings, Arrieta didn't let the massive cushion go to waste. He never does. The pitcher who won all 15 games in which his teammates gave him at least six runs stayed aggressive in a largely drama-free 9-3 victory, just as manager Joe Maddon knew he would when he entrusted Arrieta with the ball and Chicago's season in the balance.

Maddon didn't give Arrieta any sort of pep talk. The stakes were obvious. So was the weight of history. Who

better to trust than the guy whose rebirth in Chicago has come in lockstep with the club's rise from cuddly also-rans to blossoming juggernaut?

"I think Jake likes to shoulder these kind of moments," Maddon said a couple of hours before the game.

And own them too.

Given an early boost by Chicago's suddenly hot again offense, Arrieta struck out nine and walked three to improve to 2-0 in the World Series.

In Game 2, he kept the Indians hitless into the sixth to send the Cubs back to Chicago with things all tied up. Tuesday night he battled occasional control issues to move Chicago within one victory of its first championship in 108 years. Even after needing 102 pitches to get 17 outs, he plans to be in the bullpen just in case.

"I'll definitely be available if outs are needed," Arrieta

said. "Last game of the year, Game 7 of the World Series. Everybody's pretty much available tomorrow."

The only tense moment came after Jason Kipnis scored on Mike Napoli's RBI single with one out in the fourth. Arrieta hit Lonnie Chisenhall with a pitch and walked Coco Crisp to load the bases.

Just as it appeared Arrieta was on the brink of letting the Indians back in it, he recovered. When Tyler Naquin swung and missed on a 1-2 pitch, the Cubs were out of danger and on their way.

It's those bouts of temporary wildness that's taken just a bit off the edge that made Arrieta so unhittable during his Cy Young winning run in 2015, when he practically carried Chicago's pitching staff in the second half as the Cubs locked down a playoff spot and eventually made it all the way to the NLCS before falling to the New York Mets.

Arrieta's 16 wild pitches led the National League and his 76 walks marked a career high during a year in which he went 18-8 with a 3.10 ERA and made the All-Star team. It's a great season by just about any measure, except when the measure is Arrieta's 2015 when he led the majors in wins (22), ERA (1.77) and shutouts (three).

That nearly yearlong stretch of dominance ended after the All-Star break. He went just 6-4 over the season's final 10 weeks and his ERA in September was a mediocre 4.68. His two starts before the World Series were both Chicago losses, one to San Francisco in the Division Series in which he pitched well and another to the Los Angeles Dodgers in which he did not.

Arrieta saw his spot as the team's ace vanish too with Jon Lester getting the nod in Game 1 of the World Series and Kyle Hendricks—who

will start Game 7—leading the majors with a 2.13 ERA.

Yet the prospect of living up to the outsize expectations Arrieta set for himself hardly seem to bother him. He spent Monday taking his two kids trick-or-treating. A day later, he looked at ease silencing the non-Cubs portion of Progressive Field. The only Indian he struggled with in the Series was Kipnis, who went 3 for 5 against him. The rest of the Indians combined to go 2 for 34.

By the time Maddon came out to take the ball from Arrieta following a two-out walk in the sixth, the loud Chicago contingent behind the Cubs dugout gave him a rousing ovation.

The dream of ending a championship drought that extends back more than a century is very much alive thanks in part to the well-bearded right-hander who makes up in tenacity what he sometimes lacks in polish.

Just like his team.

The Chicago Cubs celebrate after Game 6 of the Major League Baseball World Series against the Cleveland Indians Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016, in Cleveland.

held the Indians without a hit until the fourth when Kipnis doubled leading off and scored on Mike Napoli's single.

Arrieta worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the fourth, and gave up a homer to Kipnis in the fifth but struck out nine.

Maddon came to get him in the sixth, the right-hander got several pats on the back from Chicago's infielders and Cubs fans saluted him with a standing ovation.

Tomlin was one strike from getting out of the first unscathed when everything fell apart.

He had Bryant down 0-2 when he hung a waist-high curveball that Chicago's third baseman, who came in just 2 for 17 in the Series but had homered in Game 5, cracked nearly halfway up the bleachers in left field, a 433-foot shot that sent a shockwave through standing-room-only Progressive Field.

There was a bigger one to come.

Rizzo and Ben Zobrist followed with singles before Tomlin got Russell to hit what appeared to be a routine out. However, right fielder Lonnie Chisenhall and rookie center fielder Tyler Naquin, perhaps unable to hear each other over the roaring crowd, looked at each other and let the ball drop onto the grass for a double.

While they scrambled to recover it, Rizzo scored easily and Zobrist beat a relay throw to the plate, bowling over Indians catcher Roberto Perez as a sizeable contingent of Cubs screamed with delight.

"It was just loud at there," Naquin said. "It was kind of one of those in-betweeners. Lonnie got a good break, I got a break, it's just one of those deals. In the moment, me being the center fielder, I need to take charge on that. That's my mistake."

Although it was early, with Arrieta on the mound, Chicago's lead felt more like 30-0 than 3-0.

Russell, who dressed up like a Ninja turtle on Halloween, then put a fright into Indians fans with his shot to deep left-center.

With two on, Indians reliever Dan Otero placed a 2-0 pitch over the heart of the plate to Russell, who launched it over the wall spent much of his home-run trot howling.

The Cubs were loud all night, and with one more win they'll be champions.

"I hope it's not difficult to sleep. It's every kid's dream. It all comes down to Game 7," Russell said.

Irving scores 32 as Cavaliers beat Rockets to stay unbeaten



CLEVELAND (AP)—Kyrie Irving's personal showcases are becoming a common occurrence.

Irving scored a season-high 32 points and the reigning NBA champion Cleveland Cavaliers remained undefeated, beating the Houston Rockets 128-120 on Tuesday night.

"He's growing every day," said LeBron James, who scored 19 points and had 13 rebounds. "He's only 24 years old. He's special."

Count Houston coach Mike D'Antoni as another Irving fan after watching Cleveland's point guard take over the game.

"Kyrie is great, he's got it all," D'Antoni said. "All you can do is hope he misses shots. You put a hand in his face to make it as difficult as possible."

Kevin Love scored 24 points as Cleveland placed six players in double figures. The Cavaliers are 4-0 for the first time in 16 years.

James Harden scored a season-high 41 points and had 15 assists for Houston.

Jazz 106, Spurs 91

In San Antonio, George Hill had 22 points and Utah made a season-high 15 3-pointers, handing San Antonio its first loss of the season.

Rodney Hood had 19 points, Trey Lyles 15 and Shelvin Mack 14 for Utah, which finished 15 for 31 from 3-point range.

Kawhi Leonard led San Antonio with 30 points and LaMarcus Aldridge added 21.

Hill made four straight baskets starting with about 6 minutes left, scoring 10 points to give the Jazz a 96-88 lead with 4 minutes remaining.

Utah built a 12-point lead in the opening quarter by shooting 72 percent from the field and 88 percent on 3s.

The Jazz made seven 3-pointers in the first quarter, one more than their previous season high for a game.

Heat 108, Kings 96, OT

In Miami, Goran Dragic scored 25 points, Tyler Johnson had seven of his 22 in overtime and Miami beat Sacramento.

Hassan Whiteside got his fourth double-double to start the season—14 points and 11 rebounds for the Heat—who have won 15 straight at home over the Kings. Dragic added eight rebounds and eight assists, and Dion Waiters scored 20 points for Miami.

Rudy Gay scored 30 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for Sacramento. DeMarcus Cousins scored 30 points for the Kings, but fouled out late

in regulation and Sacramento was outscored 17-5 in the extra session.

The Heat wasted an 80-71 lead in the final six minutes of regulation.

Pistons 102, Knicks 89

In Auburn Hills, Mich., Tobias Harris scored 25 points and Marcus Morris added 22 to lift Detroit over New York.

The Pistons have won three in a row—all by double digits—since dropping their season opener. They closed out this game with an impressive defensive stretch, holding New York to 10 points in the fourth quarter.

Carmelo Anthony scored 24 points for the Knicks, and Derrick Rose added 19.

Kentavious Caldwell-Pope scored 19 points for Detroit, and Andre Drummond had nine points and 13 rebounds.

Magic 103, 76ers 101

In Philadelphia, Serge Ibaka sank two free throws with 1.4 seconds to snap a tie game and send Orlando over Philadelphia.

The Magic rallied from an 18-point deficit to win for the first time in four games this season.

Sixers center Joel Embiid lost his dribble at the top of the key and Orlando snagged the ball with 5.7 seconds left. Sixers guard T.J. McConnell was whistled for a flagrant foul on Ibaka's layup attempt. Ibaka made both and the Magic retained possession and kept the Sixers winless.

Embiid had two costly turnovers in the final minute for the Sixers.

Ibaka scored 21 points and Nik Vucevic had 24 points and 14 rebounds.

Hollis Thompson led the Sixers with 22 points. Embiid had 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Dario Saric scored 21 points.

Bucks 117, Pelicans 113

In New Orleans, Giannis Antetokounmpo had 24 points and 10 rebounds, Jabari Parker added 21 points, and Milwaukee beat winless New Orleans.

Anthony Davis scored 35 points — the third time he has scored at least that many points — to go with 15 rebounds, three blocked shots and three steals. But once again, it was not enough for New Orleans, which has dropped its first four games, including three at home.

Milwaukee rookie Malcolm Brogdon had his best game yet, scoring 14 points — 10 in the second half. Tony Snell had 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Bucks, while Rashad Vaughn scored 12 points and Matthew Dellavedova had 11.



Tim Frazier had 20 points and nine assists for New Orleans.

Timberwolves 116, Grizzlies 80

In Minneapolis, Zach LaVine scored 31 points and hit five 3-pointers, and Minnesota built a lead too big to give away in a victory over Memphis, its first of the season.

Gorgui Dieng scored 17 points for the Timberwolves (1-2), who led by 17 points in the opener against Memphis and 18 against

Sacramento before losing both games.

Memphis coach David Fizdale decided to rest Mike Conley and Marc Gasol on the front end of a back-to-back that finishes at home on Wednesday night against New Orleans. Tony Allen made his season debut for the Grizzlies after missing the first three games of the season with a right knee injury.

Memphis shot just 36.5 percent and turned the ball over 22 times.

Warriors 127, Trail Blazers 104

In Portland, Ore., Stephen Curry scored 28 points, 23 in the third quarter, and Golden State extended its early season winning streak to three games.

Ian Clark came off the bench with a career-high 22 points for the Warriors, who have rebounded after a season-opening loss to San Antonio. Kevin Durant added 20 points and Golden State rested its starters down the stretch after leading by as many as 35 points.

Ray Allen, the top 3-point shooter in NBA history, retires

MIAMI (AP)—Ray Allen won championships in Boston and Miami, made one of the most memorable shots in NBA Finals history and has more 3-pointers than anyone who ever played in the league.

More than two years after his last game, he's decided that was enough.

Allen announced his retirement on Tuesday in a post on The Players' Tribune website. Allen spent 18 seasons in the league with Milwaukee, Seattle, the Celtics and the Heat, averaging 18.9 points in 1,300 regular-season games and appearing in 10 All-Star Games.

"I write this to you today as a 41-year-old man who is retiring from the game," Allen said in his post, which was in the form of a letter to his younger self. "I write to you as a man who is completely at peace with himself."

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver called Allen "an extraordinary player."

"On behalf of the NBA family, I want to thank him for being a wonderful ambassador

for the game," Silver said.

Allen entertained thoughts about a comeback over the last two years and had plenty of opportunities from title-contending teams. But nothing ever lured him back, although the door always remained a tiny bit open—until now.

"Basketball will take you far away from that schoolyard," Allen wrote. "You will become far more than just a basketball player. You'll get to act in movies. You'll travel the world. You will become a husband, and the father of five amazing children."

Allen starred in the 1998 Spike Lee film "He Got Game." He portrayed Jesus Shuttlesworth, a top-ranked basketball prospect, whose father (played by Denzel Washington) is in prison for killing his wife.

"We have had many great players through the years, but Ray is probably the No. 1 name brand we've had," said Jim Calhoun, who coached Allen at UConn from 1993-96. "We, at UConn, can all be proud of what he accom-

plished here and the greatness that he achieved when he went on to the NBA."

On the court, teammates and coaches raved about Allen's famed work ethic and commitment to fitness—which now takes a different form, after he and his wife, Shannon, recently opened an organic fast-casual restaurant in Miami. Allen was almost always on the floor for a workout three hours before games, shooting on some occasions before the arena lights were even turned on.

Allen had the record for 3-pointers in a season for seven years, his mark of 269 standing until Stephen Curry of Golden State made 272 in 2012-13—a record Curry has topped twice.

"The greatest shooter to play the game," Curry wrote in a tweet Tuesday, congratulating Allen on his career.

In all, Allen made 2,973 3-pointers in regular-season games, which doesn't even count the one that was his most unforgettable.

Cleveland Cavaliers guard Kyrie Irving (2) celebrates after a 3-point basket in the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Houston Rockets, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016, in Cleveland.

Damian Lillard had 31 points for the Blazers, who fell in five games to the Warriors in the Western Conference semifinals last season. Playing the first of a back-to-back, Portland coach Terry Stotts also went to his reserves with eight minutes left.

Pacers 115, Lakers 108

In Indianapolis, Paul George scored 30 points, including Indiana's final 12 of the game to rally the Pacers over Los Angeles.

The Lakers trailed by as many as 16 points, but rallied and had their final lead at 108-107 before George put it away.

He made consecutive 18-foot jumpers for a 111-108 lead, then followed through on the opposite end of the floor with the biggest defensive rebound of the game. The Lakers' Jordan Clarkson missed an almost uncontested layup, and it was George who came down with the rebound, sending him to the free throw line to close out the contest.

Monta Ellis had 17 points and CJ Miles scored 16 for the Pacers. Thaddeus Young finished with 14.

Lou Williams scored 19 points for the Lakers and Clarkson had 15.

His 3-pointer from the right corner with 5.2 seconds left in Game 6 of the 2013 NBA Finals for Miami sent the Heat to overtime against the Spurs in a win-or-else game, and helped them go on to win the title in seven games. Chris Bosh got an offensive rebound and passed to Allen, who was backtracking toward the corner.

Allen, without even needing to look down to ensure that he was behind the line, elevated over Tony Parker and connected to tie the game—even as arena workers knelt around the court, holding the rope that they presumed they would soon be called upon to cordon things off for the Spurs' championship celebration.

On his way back to the bench to prepare for overtime, Allen gestured to those workers, shouting to put the rope away.

"It's going to be a shot that I'm going to remember for a long time," Allen said that night. "There's a lot of shots that I've made in my career, but this will go high up in the ranks."

AP Source: Goodell, Newton spoke on phone about QB hits

C H A R - LOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Cam Newton got the phone call he wanted.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell spoke via telephone with Newton about the Carolina quarterback's concerns over not being protected by game officials from hits while in the pocket, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press.

The phone call came Tuesday, but it's unclear exactly what they discussed.

The person spoke Tuesday on condition of anonymity because the details of the meeting were not disclosed.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy declined comment.

Newton criticized league officials after Carolina's 30-20 win over Arizona on Sunday, saying that he doesn't feel safe in the pocket because officials are treating him differently than other QBs in the league by not throwing flags when he takes an illegal hit.

He said after the game he



AP
Carolina Panthers' Cam Newton (1) objects to a late hit by Arizona Cardinals' Markus Golden (44) in the second half of an NFL football game in Charlotte, N.C., Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016.

vera threw his support behind Newton on Monday.

"Cam is correct," Rivera said. "I support him 100 percent in this. I was disappointed it wasn't called. But I get the

benefit of looking up at the screen and seeing it on replay. It confirmed what I thought. It's difficult. You'd like to see those calls made. I'd love to see our quarterback get those calls."

Newton said he is tired of hearing officials tell him they missed a call.

"I just can't keep accepting, 'Oh, we missed that one,' or 'I apologize for doing that' or 'I didn't see it,'" Newton said. "That's horse

c---. Coming from a person who's been fined before, coming from a person who everybody's expecting a lot from, I'm still going. But yet, when you constantly see the hits, when you constantly see flags being picked up and flags not being thrown, and to see other quarterbacks getting it for lesser physical hits, it's taking the fun for me out.

"I'm just being honest about that."

Kaepernick lets people know him as more than a quarterback

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP)—In recent months, Colin Kaepernick has become comfortable with people getting to know him as more than a laser-focused football player the way he had always preferred it.

He sparked a nationwide debate with his anthem protest and emerged as an outspoken activist for minorities, and Kaepernick has seemingly improved his image in the process. This might even be where he leaves his legacy, off the field and not as a strong-

armed quarterback and dual threat with his speedy legs—though Kaepernick certainly hopes to return to the dynamic playmaker he once was. And soon.

"Yeah, I think people know a little bit more about me," Kaepernick said Tuesday. "I've been a little bit more open with where I stand and my views. For me, there's nothing to hide, there's nothing that I'm afraid to say about my opinion and my stance and what I believe in, because I know why I believe those things and I have

knowledge to back that up."

He just took his message a step further to reach underprivileged youth. Kaepernick hosted a "Know Your Rights" camp in Oakland for more than 100 kids Saturday, when his San Francisco 49ers (1-6) were on their bye week. They came from organizations throughout the Bay Area.

"It's exciting to see the youth that have that strength, have that courage, have that intelligence to say, 'Our situation might not be the best, might not be ideal but we can succeed through it regardless,'" he said. "... There were a lot of different topics that we covered, a lot of different areas that we wanted to share with them. Ultimately, they have the right to be great. They have the right for their freedom. They have the right to be treated as human beings."

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Kaden Church did most of the damage for Paire (4-0-3) after firing four goals in succession. He started his string of goals in the 18th minute, while the second one was recorded three minutes later. Church's last two goals were then made in the second half with his third logged in the 43rd minute and the final one in the 47th.

Dylan Mister contributed two goals in Paire's lopsided win, as he put his team on the board for the first time in the

15th minute before hitting the penultimate one in the 50th. Dylan's older brother Blake, scored in the 64th minute for Paire's last goal, while Shirley's (0-0-7) drew its lone goal from McGarrett Songao in the 47th.

Meanwhile, in the first game in the boys U14 division, Kanoa FC outlasted Matansa, 3-0, to stay in second place in the team standings.

Kanoa improved its record to 5-0-2, while Matansa dropped to a 2-0-5 slate.

Three different players scored for Kanoa with Ian Maniagi breaking the ice for his

team in the 37th minute to tie the close match. Earlier in the 23th minute, Anhkiet Huynh Jr. gave Matansa a goal and the shaky lead in the first half.

In the second half, Merrick Toves' shot in the 62nd minute broke the deadlock, 2-1, but just two minutes later Matansa forced the second standoff, thanks to Lolobeyong Benito's goal. Kirt Andon then saved the day for Kanoa as he made the go-ahead in the 68th minute, while Matansa struggled offensively in the closing minutes to hand the win to its foe.

In other results, MP Unit-

ed shut down TanHoldings, 7-0, in the lone girls U15 division game at the Francisco Mendiola Sablan Middle School Field.

Gillian Villagomez anchored MP United's demolition of TanHoldings after nailing a hat-trick. She got her first goal in the 21st minute and made it back-to-back when she scored anew in the 27th, while her last came in the 50th. Rei Sekiguchi added a pair with her shot in the fourth and 57th minute, while Francesca Bucalig and Maury Zon Tybaco posted one apiece in the 32nd and

58th, respectively.

MP United earned only its second win in seven games, while TanHoldings has yet to get a victory this season.

The other game in the girls U15 division between Matansa (4-1-1) and Kanoa (4-0-0) was rescheduled as some players of the two teams are in China, competing in the AFC U19 Women's Championship 2017 Qualifier.

Kanoa players will be back in action this Saturday when they take on MP United in the 3pm match. In the 1:30pm tiff, Shirley's (4-1-1) will battle TanHoldings.

events on the island.

5-Star 80 — Fernando 22, Cabanas 20, Pineda 16, Cataluna 9, Munar 6, Hernaez 4, Estanislao 3.

Ol'Aces 75 — Nakashima 18, Lizama 14, Basa 14, Barcinas 13, Santos 6, Villacrusis 4, Palino 4, Sablan 2.

to put 5-Star back in the game and pull off an upset against the heavily favored Ol'Aces.

Meanwhile, the outdoor league will return to action this Friday after last night's matches were called off due to the bad weather. Monday's games were also rescheduled to give way to Trick or Treat

points in the second quarter.

Earlier in the first period, Ol'Aces gunner Preston Basa was on target, firing two triples and adding a deuce to force a deadlock, 20-all. However, both Basa and Nakashima failed to keep their hot shooting in the second half, while Fernando, Cabanas, and Pineda teamed up

winning streak snapped by Ace Hardware, 82-72, seemed headed for the quick recovery despite missing the services of Freddie Pelisamen as they established a double-digit advantage against 5-Star at the break. Nak Nakashima lifted the Ol'Aces to the baker's dozen lead after logging 12

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the Chinese Association (0-6).

The Ol'Aces absorbed their second straight loss after a 5-0 surge and slid down to second place in the team standings behind Duenas Compound (5-1).

The Ol'Aces, who had their

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195 in January 2016) via rear-naked choke in the second round.

Interestingly, the veteran fighter also dropped his last Deep Cage Impact match (Deep Impact 66 in April 2014) against fellow Japanese Toshiaki Kitada due to disqualification (fighter thrown from ring) in Round 1. Before this defeat, Kanehara was on a winning streak (6).

Alvarez also bagged five straight victories before los-

ing to Mark Abelardo (TKO/punches) in PXC 50 in December last year. The Trench Tech fighter had his MMA debut in Rites of Passage 5 in September 2008 and won over Reagan Mality via TKO in the first round. His four other victories were against Jay Tajeron (Round 1 KO) in PXC 40, McKlane Alfred (unanimous decision) in PXC 42, Robert Wusstig (Round 1 KO) in Trench Warz 18, and Ernie Braca (DQ) in PXC 48.

With four of his five wins recorded in the first round, Alvarez is also gunning for

an early victory over his Japanese foe.

"My game plan is to always look for the finish like I always do in my fights. I'm going to try and keep it standing so I can work my speed and accuracy because I feel I'm the faster and more explosive fighter in this matchup," he said.

"My main focuses are my striking and my wrestling. My opponent is very experienced and crafty with his jiu jitsu so I'm going to try my best to stuff his takedowns and keep the fight where I'm

most comfortable but you can never really prepare specifically for a fighter or a fight because things may change so you have to be ready for everything and everyone," Alvarez added

Alvarez also believes his strength as a younger fighter will work against the seasoned Kanehara and he has a dedicated team that will prepare him for next month's competition.

"Although he's very experienced and crafty, he is a weathered fighter and can be finished. I know that I can win

the way I want to because I believe in my abilities and my team to get me ready for the victory," the 22-year-old Alvarez said.

"I'm young, hungry, and always ready for battle when the opportunities present themselves, but my biggest advantage is my heart and will to win. Come Dec. 17, I will put our island and people on the map. It's time to let them know that the CNMI is coming hard," Alvarez said.

Kanehara and Alvarez's duel is one of the eight bouts featured in next month's event.

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	2	1	.667	—
Toronto	2	1	.667	—
New York	1	2	.333	1
Brooklyn	1	3	.250	1½
Philadelphia	0	3	.000	2

Southeast Division

Atlanta	3	0	1.000	—
Charlotte	2	1	.667	1
Miami	2	2	.500	1½
Orlando	1	3	.250	2½
Washington	0	2	.000	2½

Central Division

Cleveland	4	0	1.000	—
Chicago	3	0	1.000	½
Detroit	3	1	.750	1
Milwaukee	2	2	.500	2
Indiana	2	2	.500	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

San Antonio	4	1	.800	—
Houston	2	2	.500	1½
Memphis	2	2	.500	1½
Dallas	0	3	.000	3
New Orleans	0	4	.000	3½

Northwest Division

Oklahoma City	3	0	1.000	—
Portland	2	2	.500	1½
Utah	2	2	.500	1½
Denver	1	2	.333	2
Minnesota	1	2	.333	2

Pacific Division

L.A. Clippers	3	0	1.000	—
Golden State	3	1	.750	½
Sacramento	2	3	.400	2
L.A. Lakers	1	3	.250	2½
Phoenix	0	4	.000	3½

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2016 All Schools Cross Country Series 3

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A male runner, right, tries to finish ahead of an Agape Christian School student during the third leg of Northern Marianas Athletics' 2016 All Schools Cross Country Series held late last month at the CPA Airport Field.



Elementary school students head out to the course.



The last batch of runners leaves the starting line.



San Vicente Elementary School runners are greeted by volunteers and race officials at the finish line.



A San Vicente Elementary School runner inches closer to the finish line.

A female runner is on her way to the finish line of the one-lap course.

Two runners keep their pace as they near completion of the one-mile race.



Saipan International School's Steven Beyer gets the finisher stick from one of SIS' students.





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5-Star shines anew, stuns Ol'Aces

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5-Star Construction caught another big fish in Ol'Aces after posting an upset against the erstwhile leader, 80-75, in the second game in the Mariana Islands Basketball Federation's Inaugural Men's Outdoor League last Friday at the San Antonio court.

5-Star, which came from an 81-76 victory over the favored Saipan Apparel, stole the win from the Ol'Aces after working its way back from a 13-point deficit in the first half.



Biggest test for 'Sonic Boom'



PACIFIC XTREME COMBAT

Trench Tech's Roman "Sonic Boom" Alvarez holds Mark Abelardo during the first round of their bantamweight bout in PXC 50 held at the UOG Calvo Field House in December last year.

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Trench Tech's Roman "Sonic Boom" Alvarez will debut in Deep Cage Impact, one of the longest-running MMA events in Japan.

Alvarez will be facing Masanori Kanehara of Reversal Gym Tachikawa ALPHA in the bantamweight bout of the Dec. 17 competition that will be held at the Differ Ariake in Tokyo.

"This is by far my biggest fight in my whole MMA career. My opponent is a very experienced fighter and has fought all high-level athletes in the UFC bantamweight division. His last five fights

were all against ranked fighters in UFC so yes, I would say this is my biggest test," said Alvarez.

Kanehara has seen action in 43 fights since he started joining MMA events in 2003. He holds a 25-13-5 win-loss-draw record with eight of his victories by way of knockouts. The Japanese's last three bouts were in the UFC and he lost the final two after winning over Alex Caceres via unanimous decision in UFC Fight Night 52 on Sept. 20, 2014. Kanehara bowed to Rani Yahya (UFC Fight Night 71 in July 2015) in a split decision and to Michael McDonald (UFC

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Down at halftime, 35-48, 5-Star moved within a point after the third period, 62-61, behind the combined 17 points of Michael Cabanas and Jestoni Pineda. Angelo Fernando then took the cudgels from Cabanas and Pineda in the fourth quarter, scoring 11 points to complete 5-Star's rally.

Cabanas dropped 9 of his 20 points in the third canto, while Pineda chipped in 8 to threaten the Ol'Aces. Fernando then finished off what his two teammates started, scoring 5-Star's last 5 points, including three crucial free throws that sealed the win for his squad.

With the upset, 5-Star improved its record to 3-4 and boosted its playoff chances. Only the Top 8 teams after the round-robin play in the 11-squad field will move into the playoffs and 5-Star is now at the No. 7 spot ahead of the San Antonio Patriots (2-2), MGNEL Construction (2-5), Talaabwogh Stars (2-5), and

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5-Star Construction's Ronnie Munar unloads a shot in front of Chinese Association slotman Chosen Zhang during an earlier game in the MIBF outdoor league at the San Antonio court.

TanHoldings, Paire cruise past foes

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TanHoldings Football Club stretched its winning streak to seven, while Paire FC bagged its fourth win in the boys U14 division of the 2016 NMIFA Youth Fall League.

TanHoldings blanked MP United, 3-0, in the final division game last Saturday at the Koberville Elementary School Field to remain unbeaten (7-0-0 win-draw-loss record) and fortify its hold on the top spot in the six-team field.

John Michael Rojas knocked in a pair of goals for TanHoldings, while Kirro Batino chipped in one to hand MP United its fourth loss in seven matches. Rojas found his target early when he scored in the sixth minute, while Batino gave TanHoldings its sec-

ond goal in the first half with his conversion in the 16th. Rojas' second goal came



in the 63rd minute.

Paire matched TanHoldings' easy victory in Week 7 after routing

winless Shirley's FC, 7-1.

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The Shirley's Football Club's goalie steps into the play to prevent Paire FC's Kaden Church from scoring during the second half of their boys U14 division game in the NMIFA fall league last Saturday at the Koberville Elementary School Field.